

# Clustering with Constraints

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# Notation

- $S$  : set of training data
- $s_i$  :  $i^{th}$  point in the training set
- $L$  : cluster labels on  $S$
- $l_i$  : cluster label of  $s_i$
- $C_j$  : centroid of  $j^{th}$  cluster
- $ML$  : set of must-link constraints
- $CL$  : set of cannot-link constraints
- $CC_i$  : a connected component (sub-graph)
- $TC$  : the transitive closure
- $D(x,y)$  : Distance between two points  $x$  and  $y$

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# Motivating Examples in Non-Hierarchical Clustering

- Given a set of instances  $S$
- Find the “best” set partition
$$S = \{S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots S_k\}$$
- Multitude of algorithms that define “best” differently
  - K-Means
  - Mixture Models
  - Self Organized Maps
- Aim is to find novel and actionable patterns ...

# Automatic Lane Finding from GPS traces [Wagstaff et al. '01]

Lane-level  
navigation (e.g.,  
advance notification  
for taking exits)

Lane-keeping  
suggestions (e.g., lane  
departure warning)



- **Constraints inferred from trace-contiguity (ML) & max-separation (CL)**

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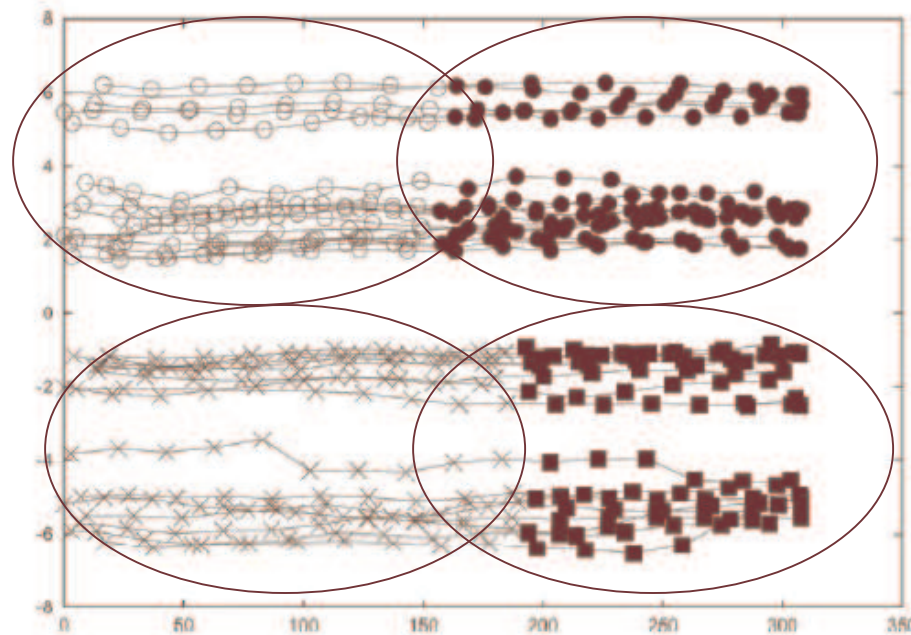


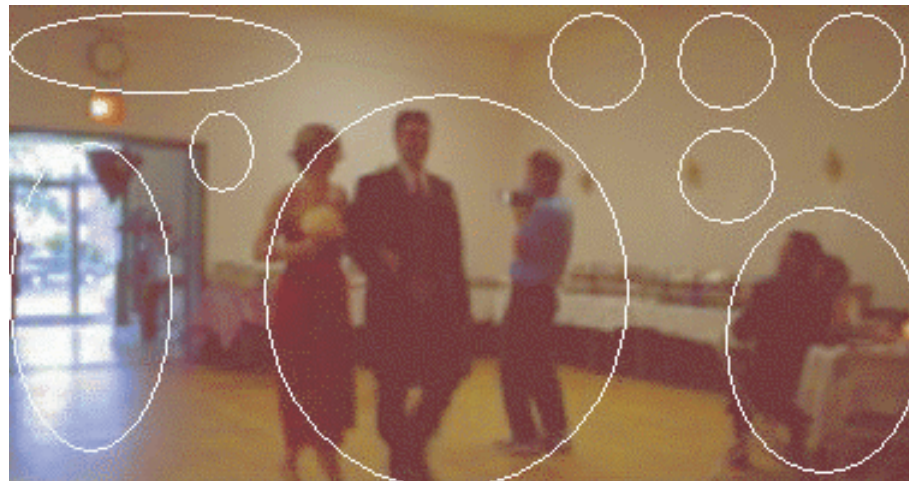
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# Clustering For Object Identification



Object  
identification  
for Aibo  
robots



Only  
significant  
clusters  
Shown

# Clustering CMU Faces Database



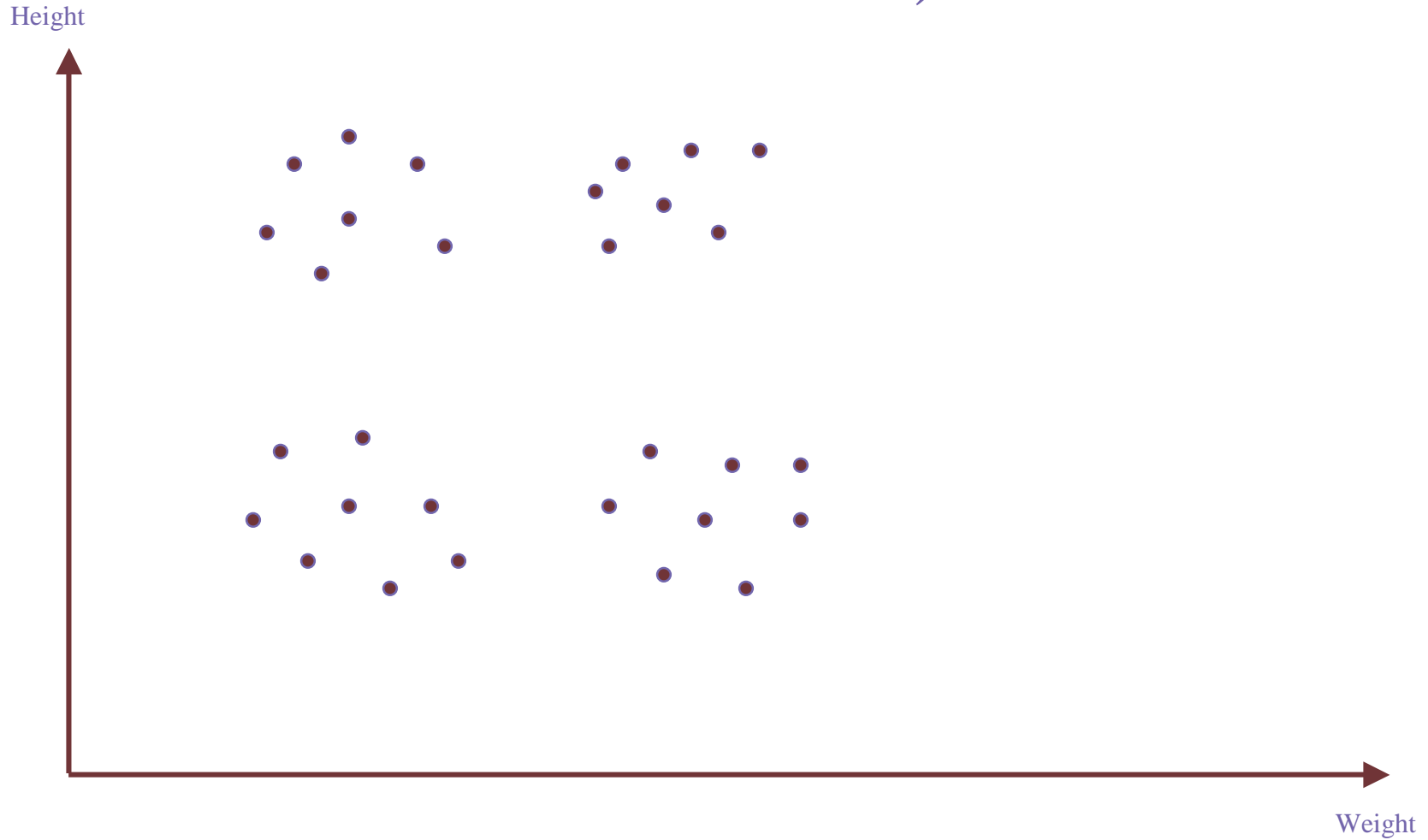
# Example Clusters



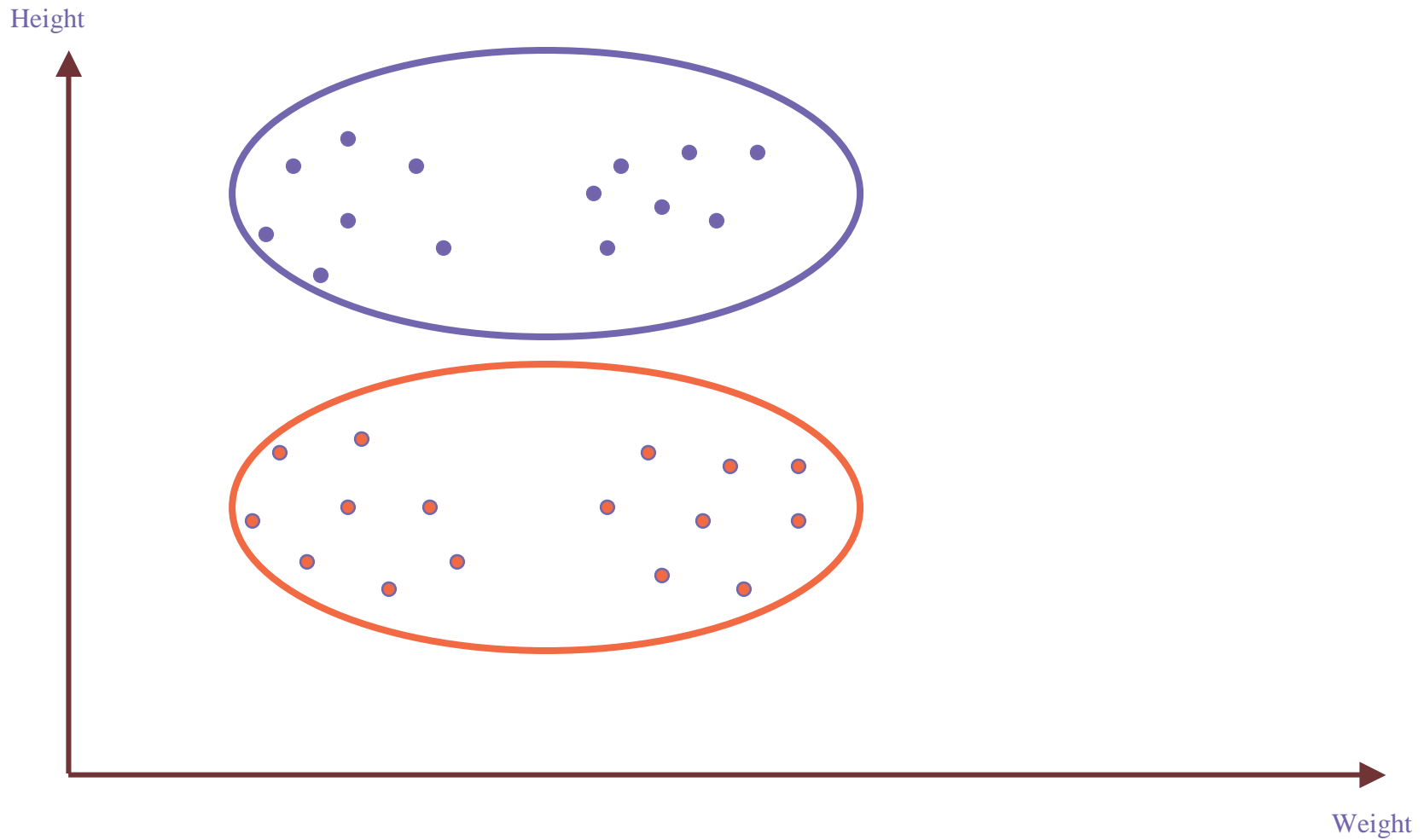
## Other Alternatives Beyond Constraints



# Clustering Example (Number of Clusters=2)

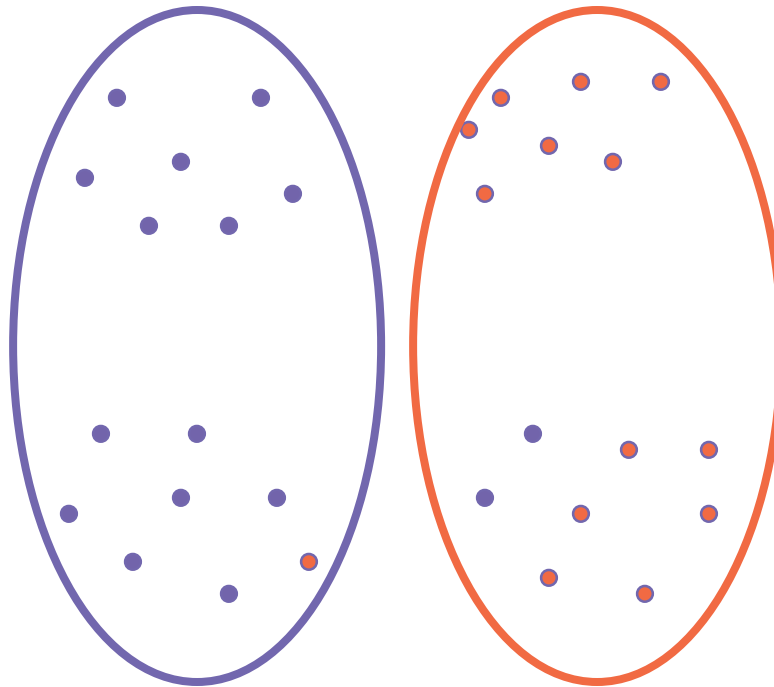


# Horizontal Clusters



# Vertical Clusters

Height



**Measures of Clustering**

**Weighted Purity**

**Rand Index**

**Mutual Information**

Weight

# K-Means Algorithm

1. Randomly assign each instance to a cluster
2. Calculate the centroids for each cluster
3. For each instance
  - Calculate the distance to each cluster center
  - Assign the instance to the closest cluster
4. Goto 2 until distortion is small

# K-Means Clustering

- Standard iterative partitional clustering algorithm
- Finds  $k$  representative centroids in the dataset
  - Locally minimizes the sum of distance (e.g., squared Euclidean distance) between the data points and their corresponding cluster centroids

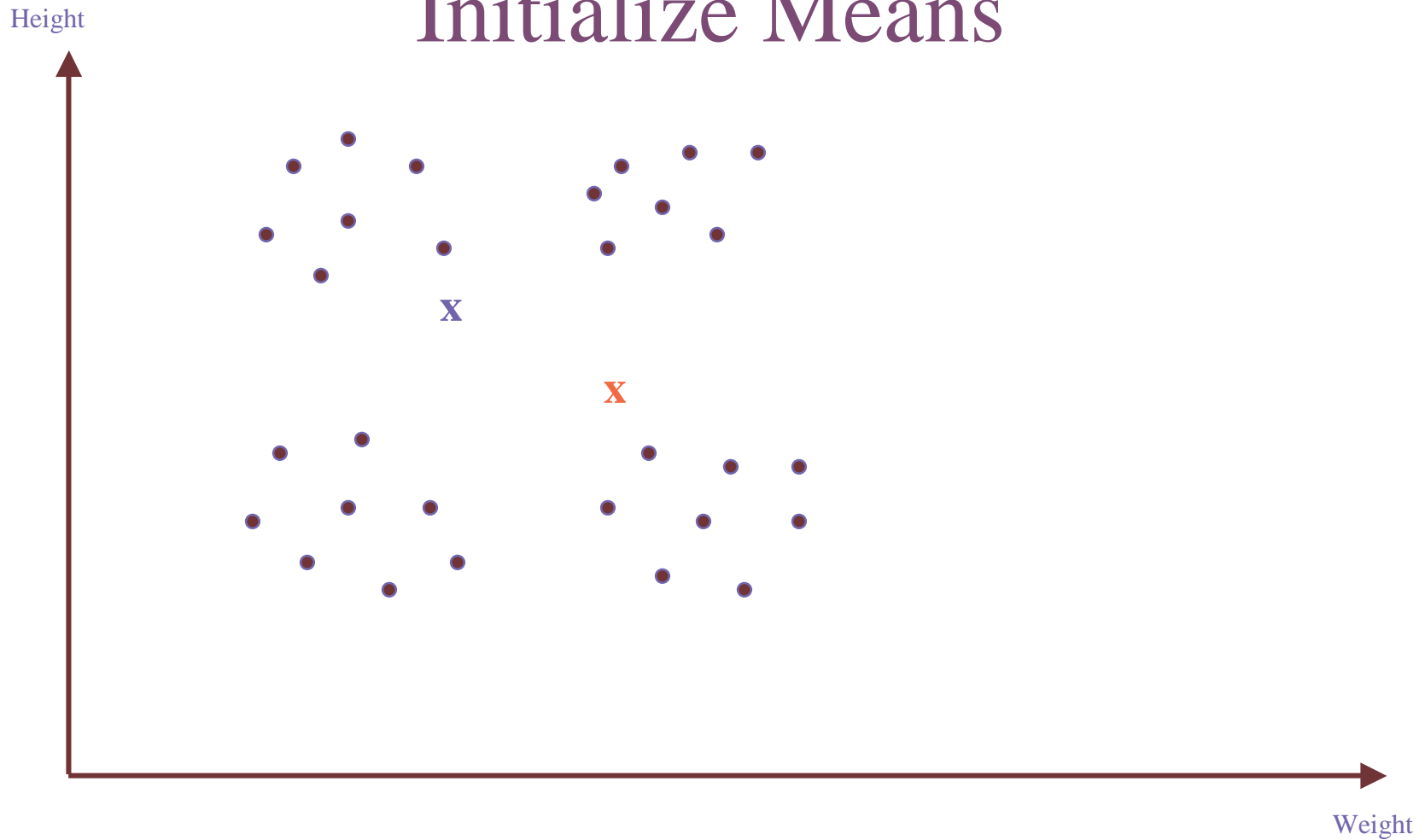
$$\sum_{s_i \in S} D(s_i, C_{l_i})$$

A simplified form of this problem is intractable [Garey et al.'82]



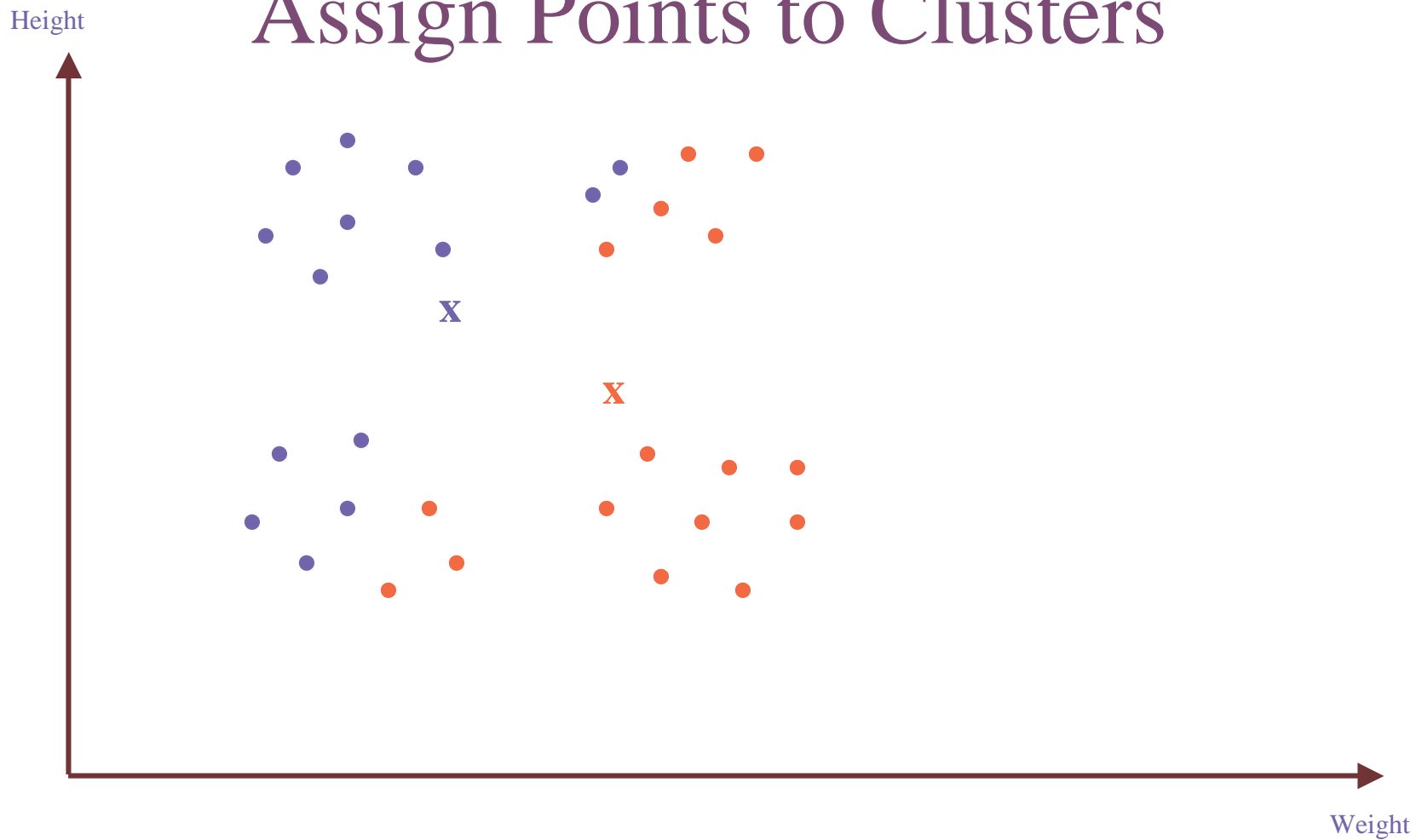
# K Means Example (k=2)

## Initialize Means



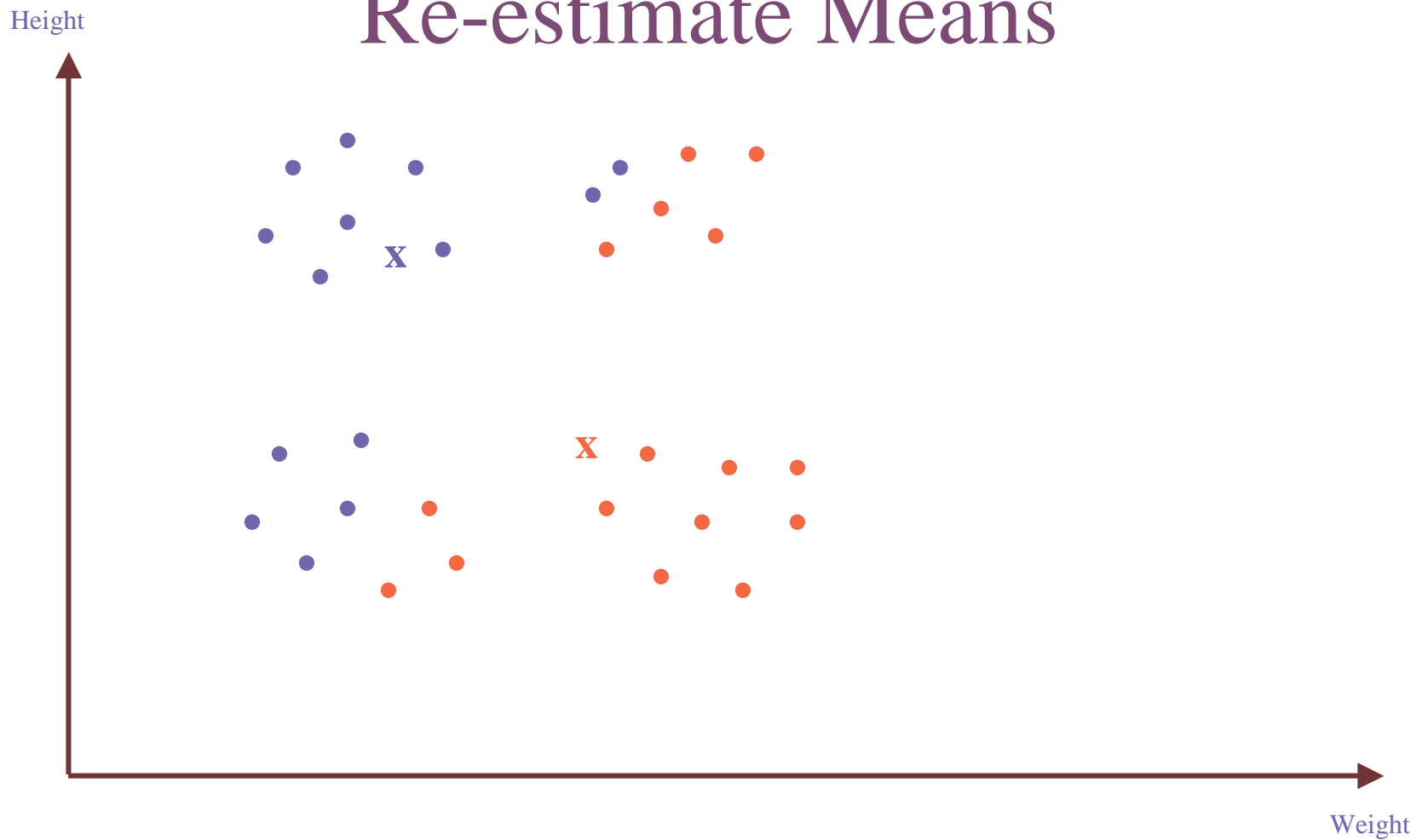
# K Means Example

## Assign Points to Clusters



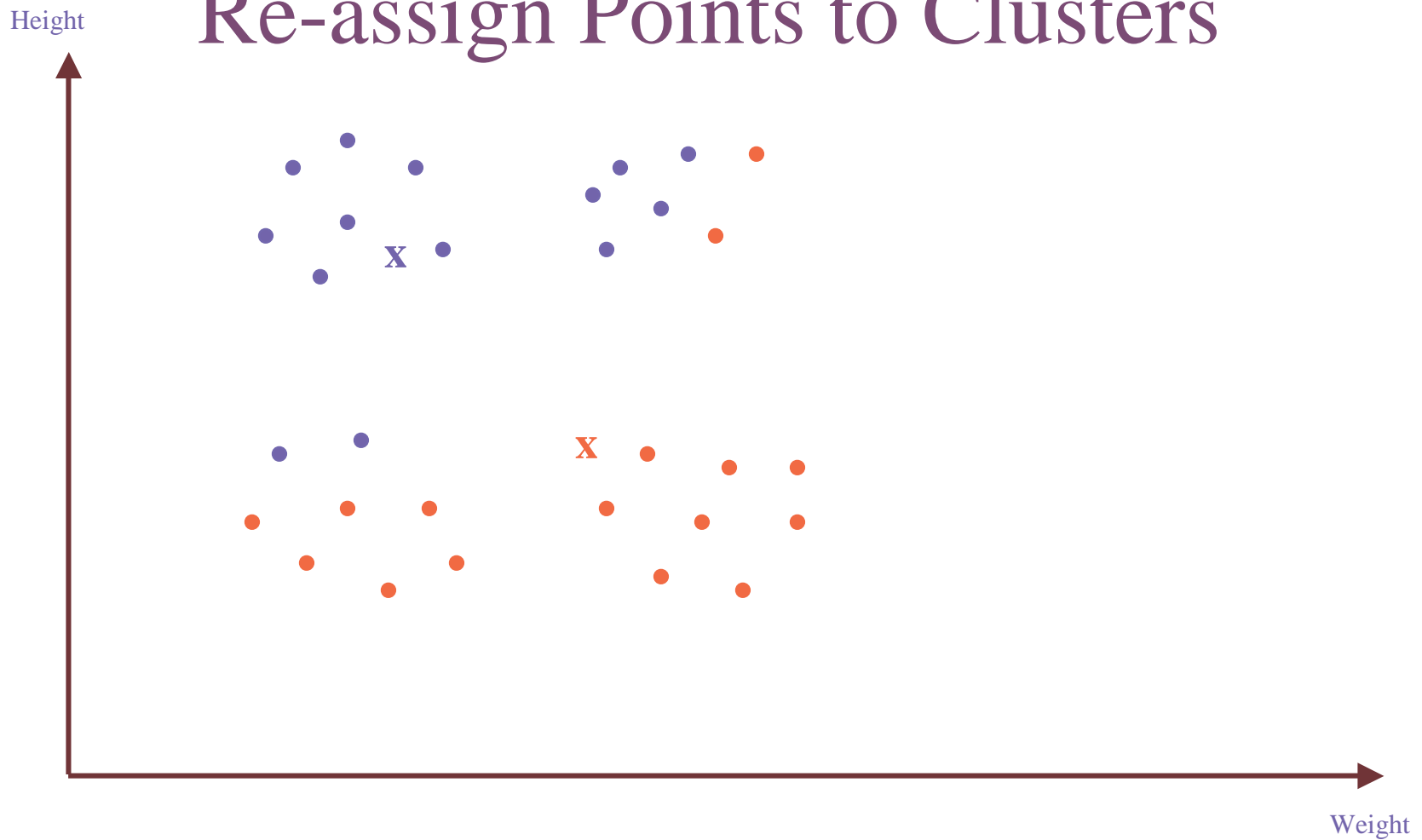
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## Re-estimate Means



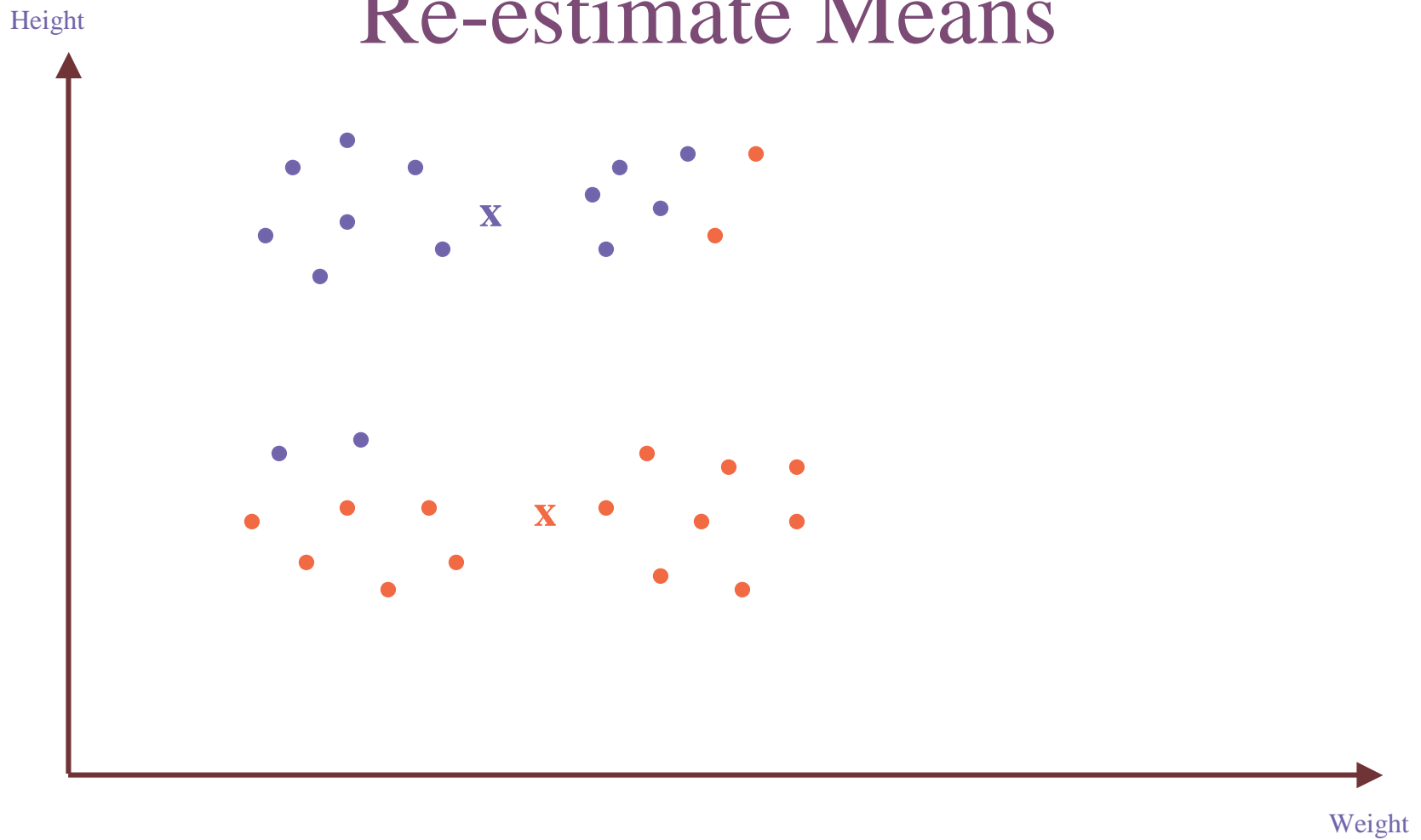
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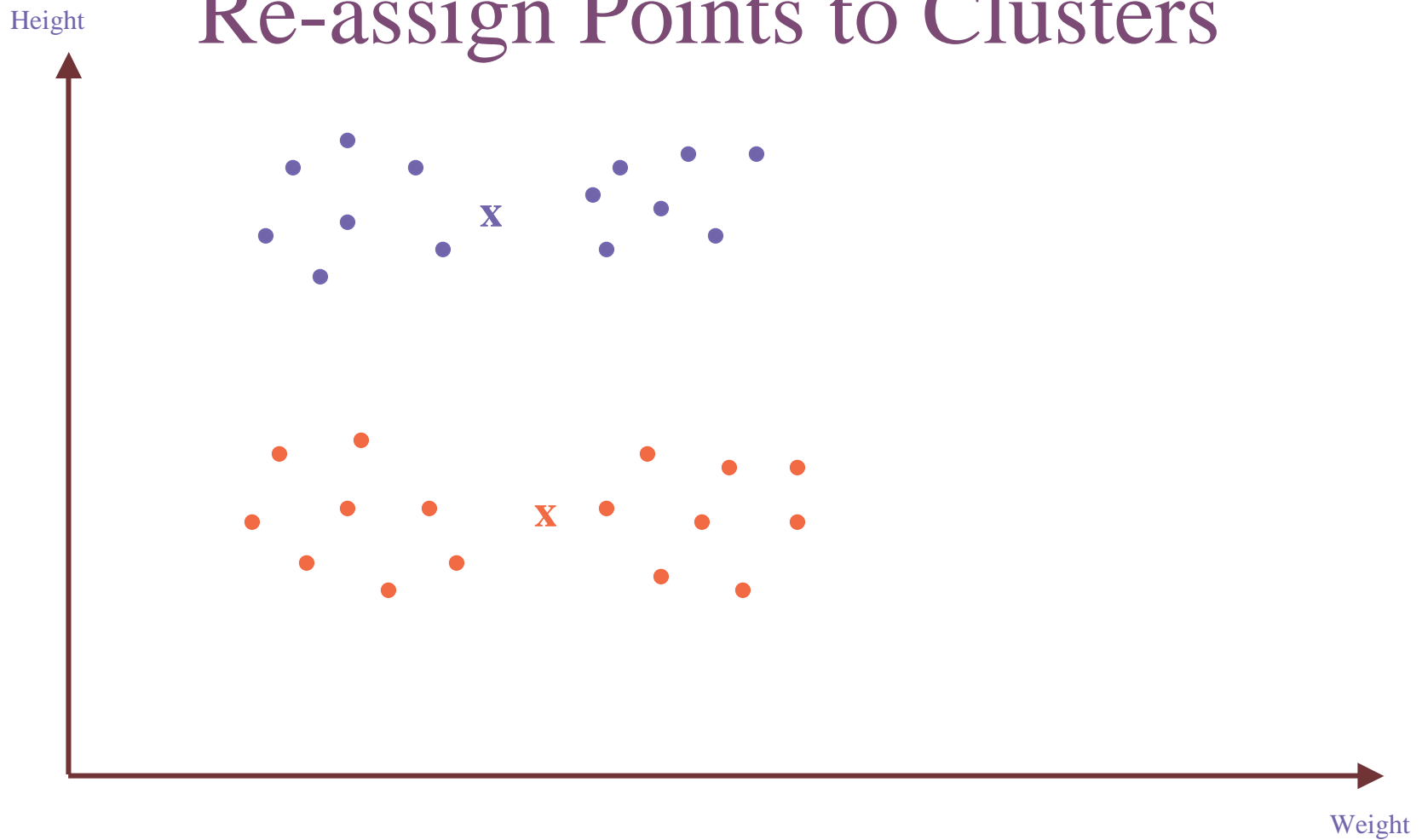
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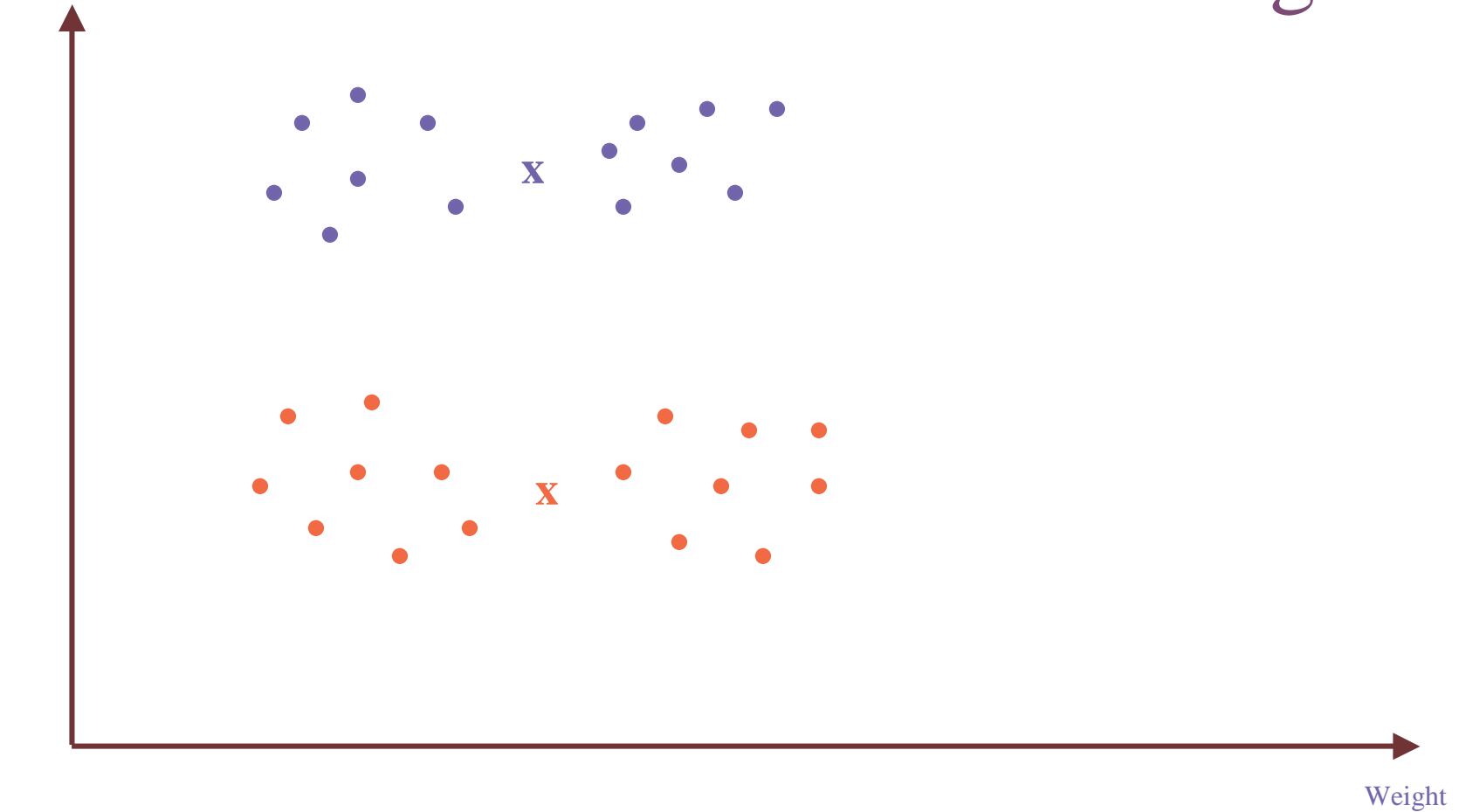
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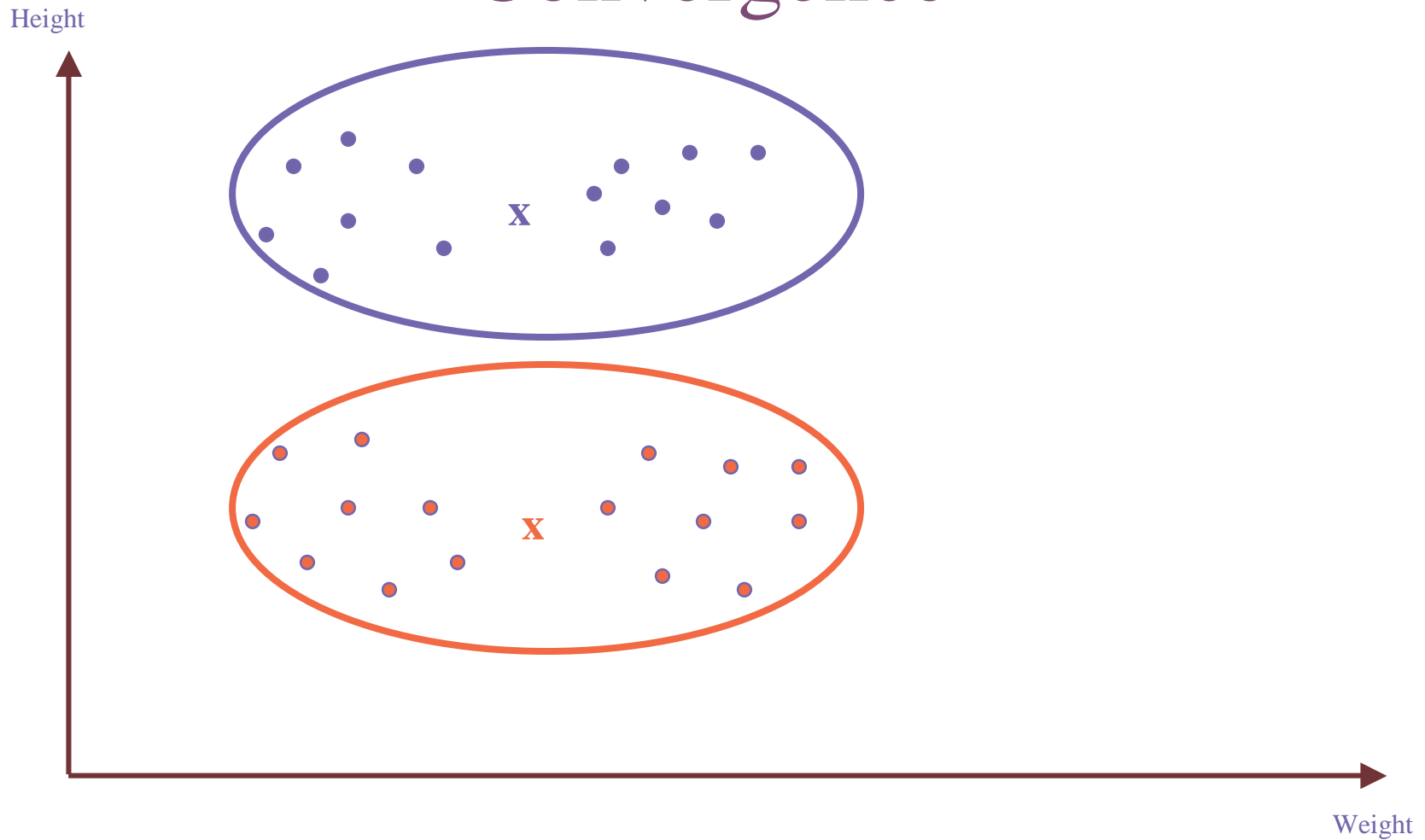


# K Means Example

Height Re-estimate Means and Converge



# K Means Example Convergence





# Basic Instance Level Constraints

- Historically, instance level constraints motivated by the availability of labeled data
  - i.e., much unlabeled data and a little labeled data available generally as constraints, e.g., in web page clustering
- This knowledge can be encapsulated using instance level constraints [Wagstaff et al. '01]
  - Must-Link Constraints
    - A pair of points  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ) must be assigned to the same cluster.
  - Cannot-Link Constraints
    - A pair of points  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  ( $i \neq j$ ) can not be assigned to the same cluster.

# Properties of Instance Level Constraints

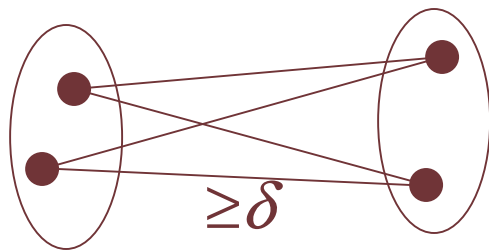
- Transitivity of Must-link Constraints
  - $ML(a,b)$  and  $ML(b,c) \rightarrow ML(a,c)$
  - Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets of points connected by  $ML$  constraints
  - $ML(X)$  and  $ML(Y)$ ,  $a \in X$ ,  $a \in Y$ ,  $ML(a,b) \rightarrow ML(X \cup Y)$
- The Entailment of Cannot link Constraints
  - $ML(a,b)$ ,  $ML(c,d)$  and  $CL(a,c) \rightarrow CL(a,d), CL(b,c), CL(b,d)$
  - Let  $CC_1 \dots CC_r$  be the groups of must-linked instances (i.e., the connected components)
  - $CL(a \in CC_i, b \in CC_j) \rightarrow CL(x,y), \forall x \in CC_i, \forall y \in CC_j$

# Complex Cluster Level Constraints

- $\delta$ -Constraint (Minimum Separation)
  - For any two clusters  $S_i, S_j \forall i, j$
  - For any two instances  $s_p \in S_i, s_q \in S_j \forall p, q$
  - $D(s_p, s_q) \geq \delta$
- $\epsilon$ -Constraint
  - For any cluster  $S_i |S_i| > 1$
  - $\forall p, s_p \in S_i, \exists s_q \in S_i : \epsilon \geq D(s_p, s_q), s_p \neq s_q$

# Converting Cluster Level to Instance Level Constraints

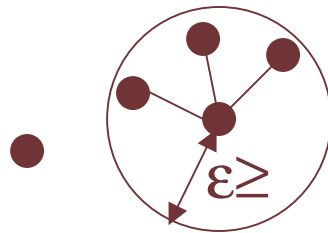
- Delta constraints?



For every point  $x$ , must-link all points  $y$  such that  $D(x,y) < \delta$ , i.e. conjunction of ML constraints

- Epsilon constraints?

- For every point  $x$ , must link to at least one point  $y$  such that  $D(x,y) \leq \epsilon$ , i.e. disjunction of ML constraints



- Will generate many instance level constraints

# Other Constraint Types We Won't Have Time To Cover

- **Balanced Clusters**
  - Scalable model-based balanced clustering [Zhong et al. '03]
  - Frequency sensitive competitive learning [Galanopoulos et al. '96, Banerjee et al. '03]
  - K-Means clustering with cluster size constraints [Bradley et al. '00]
- **Clustering only with constraints**
  - Correlation Clustering / Clustering with Qualitative Information [Bansal et al.'02, Charikar et al. '03, Blum et al. '04, Demaine et al.]
  - No distance function, use only constraints to cluster data
  - Maximize the agreements / minimize disagreements between cluster partitioning and constraints

# Other Constraint Types We Won't Have Time To Cover

- Negative background information
  - Find another clustering that is quite different from a given set of clusterings [Gondek et al. '04]
- Labels given on data subset
  - Genetic algorithm to incorporate labeled supervision [Demiriz et al.'00]
  - Modify cluster assignment step to satisfy given labels [Basu et al.'02]
  - Cluster using conditional distributions of labels in an auxiliary space [Sinkkonen et al. '04]
  - Fit Bayesian model with Dirichlet Process prior [Daume et al.'05]
    - learns appropriate number of clusters using non-parametric technique
- Attribute-level / model-level constraints [Law et al.'05]

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# Big Picture

- Clustering with constraints:  
Partition unlabeled data into groups called clusters  
+ use constraints to aid and bias clustering
- Goal:  
Examples in same cluster similar, separate clusters  
different + constraints are maximally respected

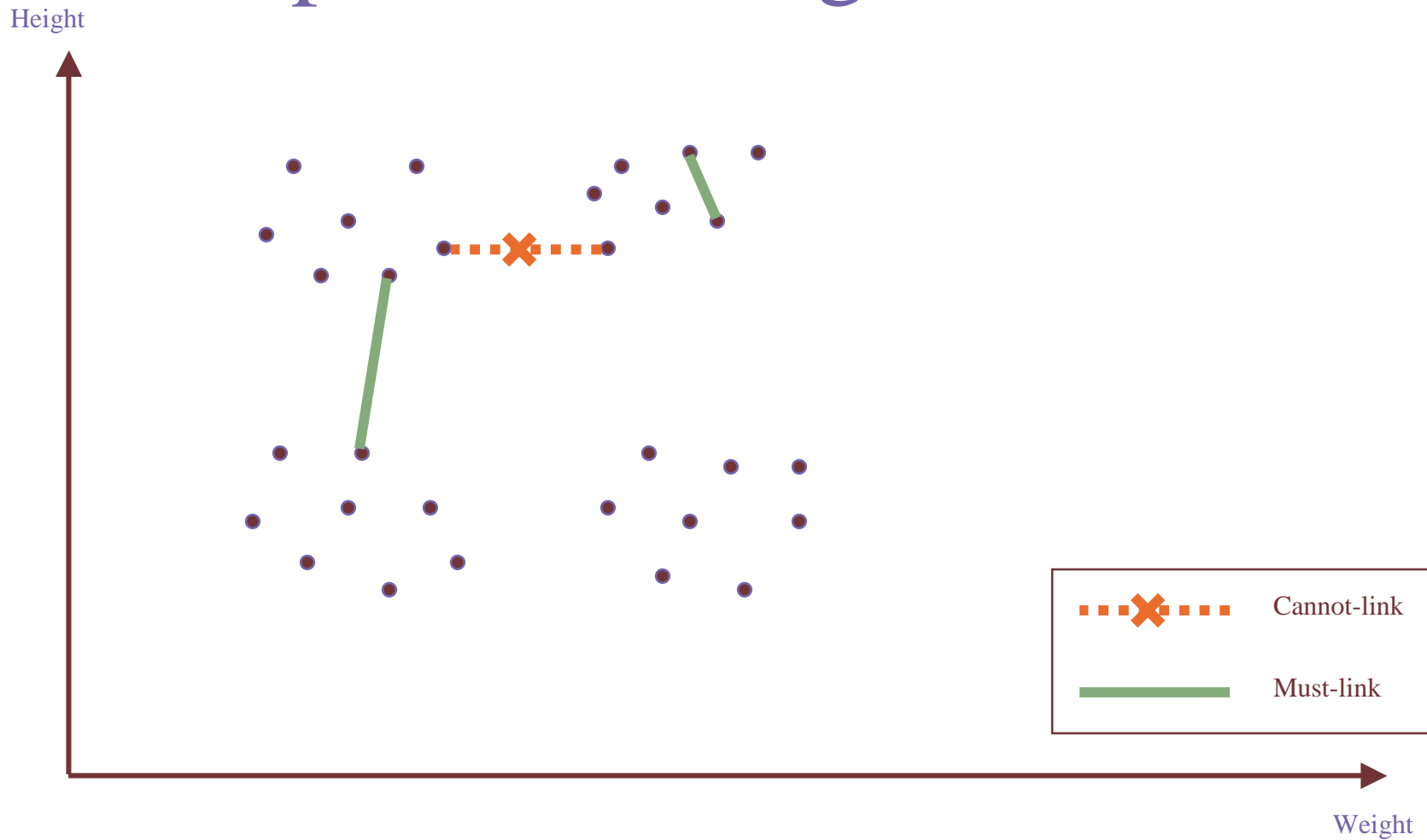


# Enforcing Constraints

- Clustering objective modified to enforce constraints
  - Strict enforcement: find “best” feasible clustering respecting all constraints
  - Partial enforcement: find “best” clustering maximally respecting constraints
- Uses standard distance functions for clustering

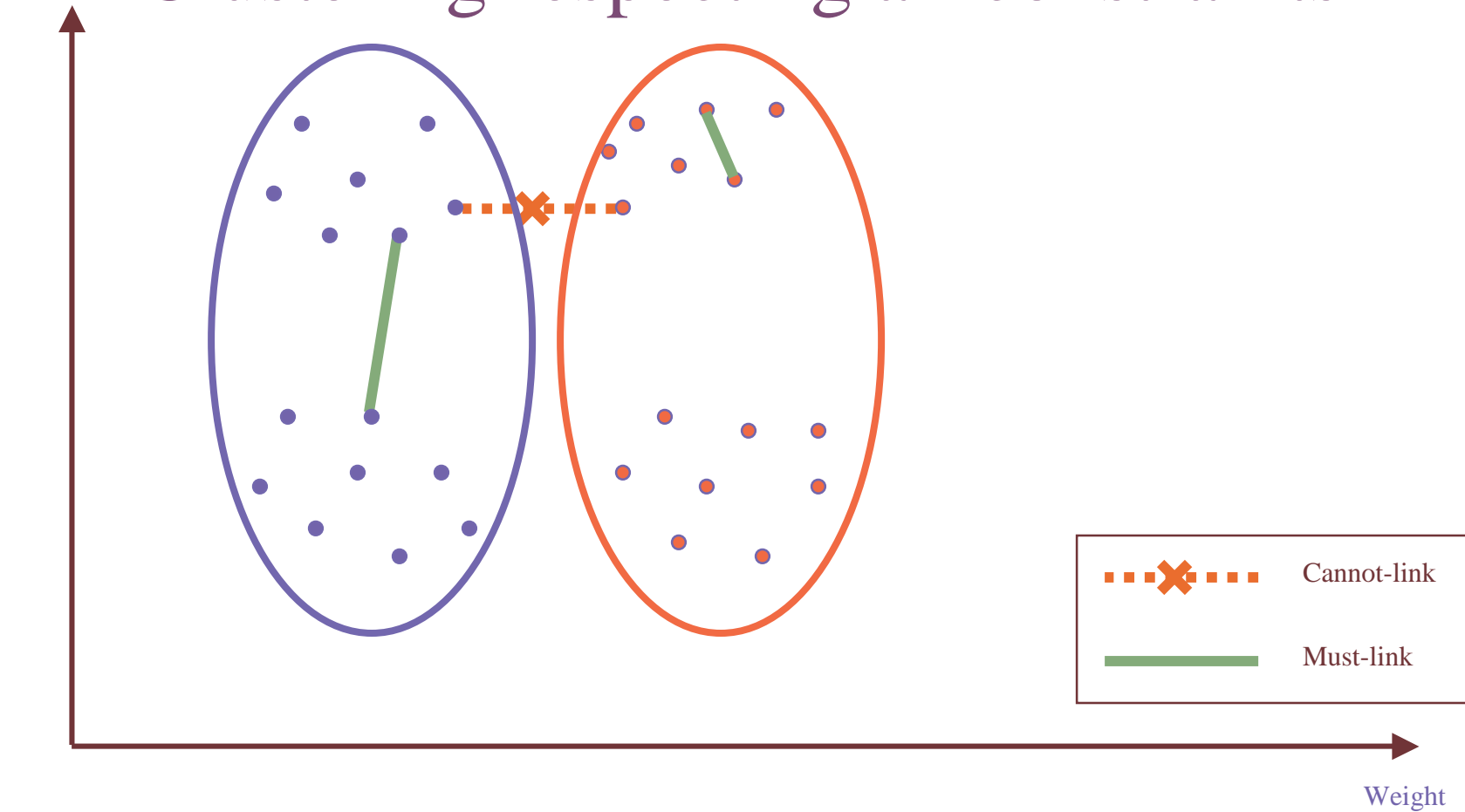
[Demiriz et al.'99, Wagstaff et al.'01, Segal et al.'03, Davidson et al.'05, Lange et al.'05]

# Example: Enforcing Constraints



# Example: Enforcing Constraints

Height Clustering respecting all constraints



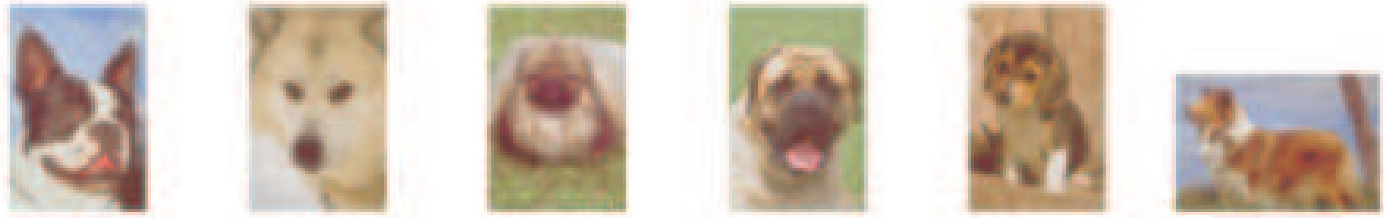
# Learning Distance Function

- Constraints used to learn clustering distance function
  - $ML(a,b) \rightarrow a$  and  $b$  and surrounding points should be “close”
  - $CL(a,b) \rightarrow a$  and  $b$  and surrounding points should be “far apart”
- Standard clustering algorithm applied with learned distance function

[Klein et al.'02, Cohn et al.'03, Xing et al.'03, Bar Hillel et al.'03, Bilenko et al.'03, Kamvar et al.'03, Hertz et al.'04, De Bie et al.'04]

# Why Learn Distance Functions?

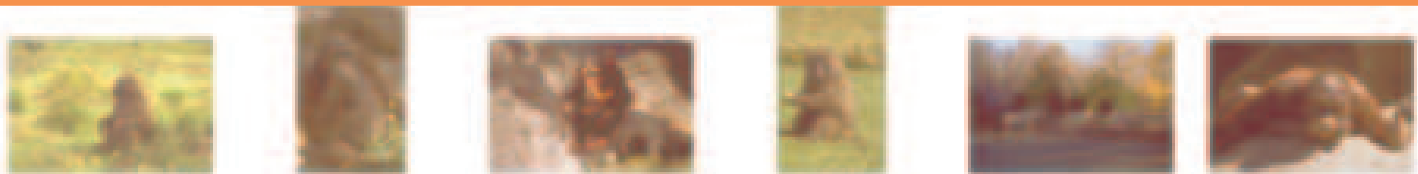
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**Euclid**



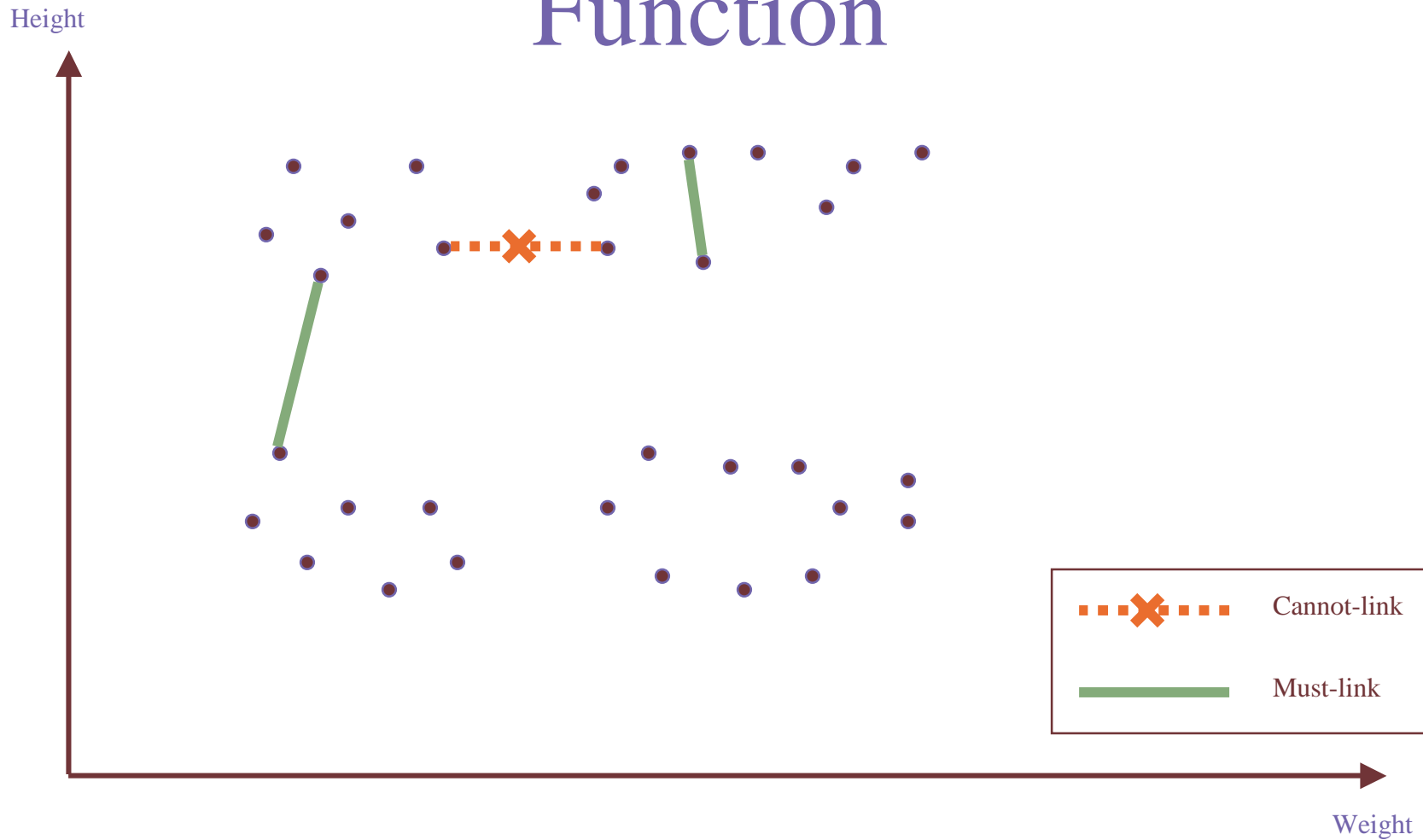
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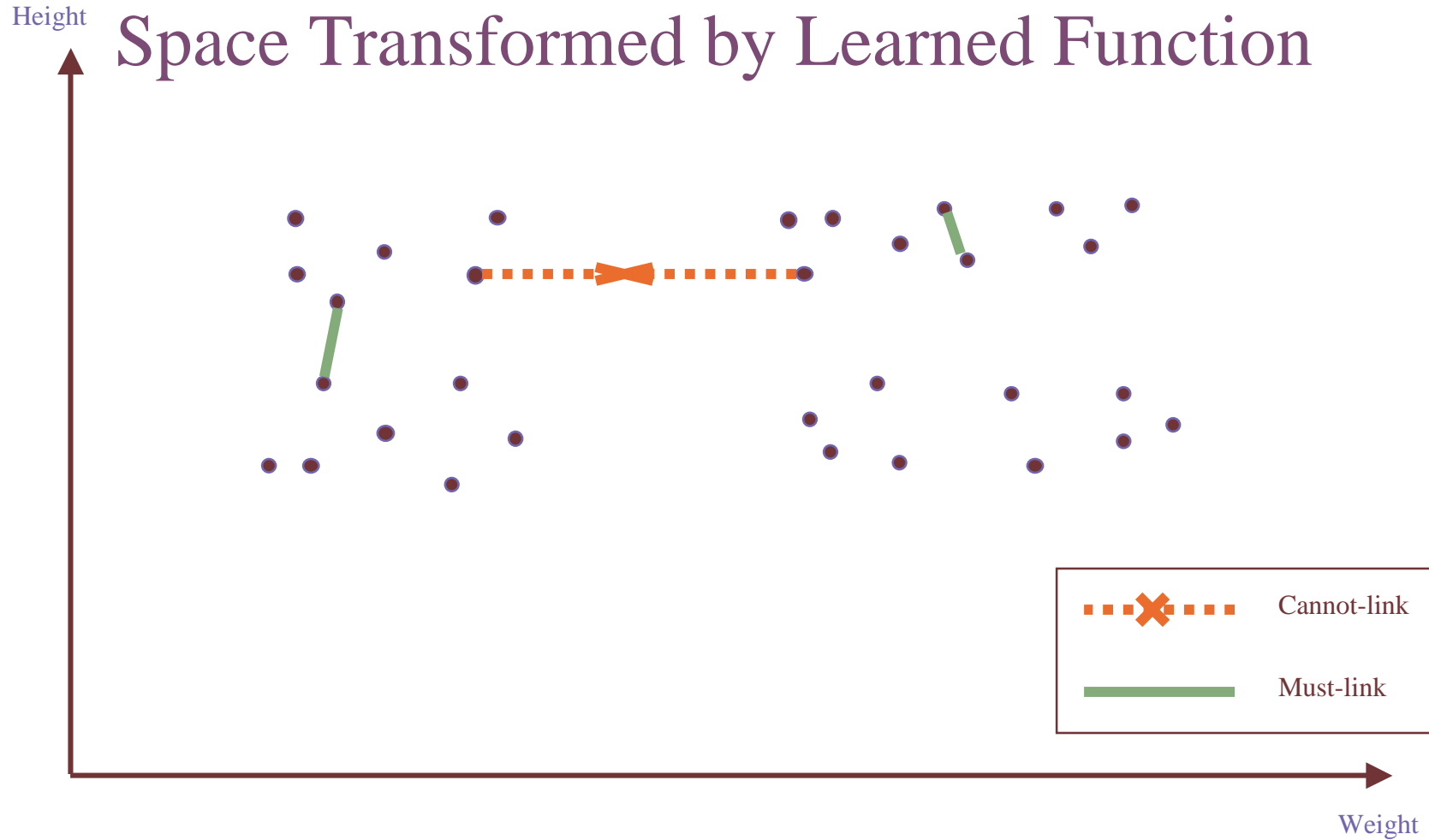


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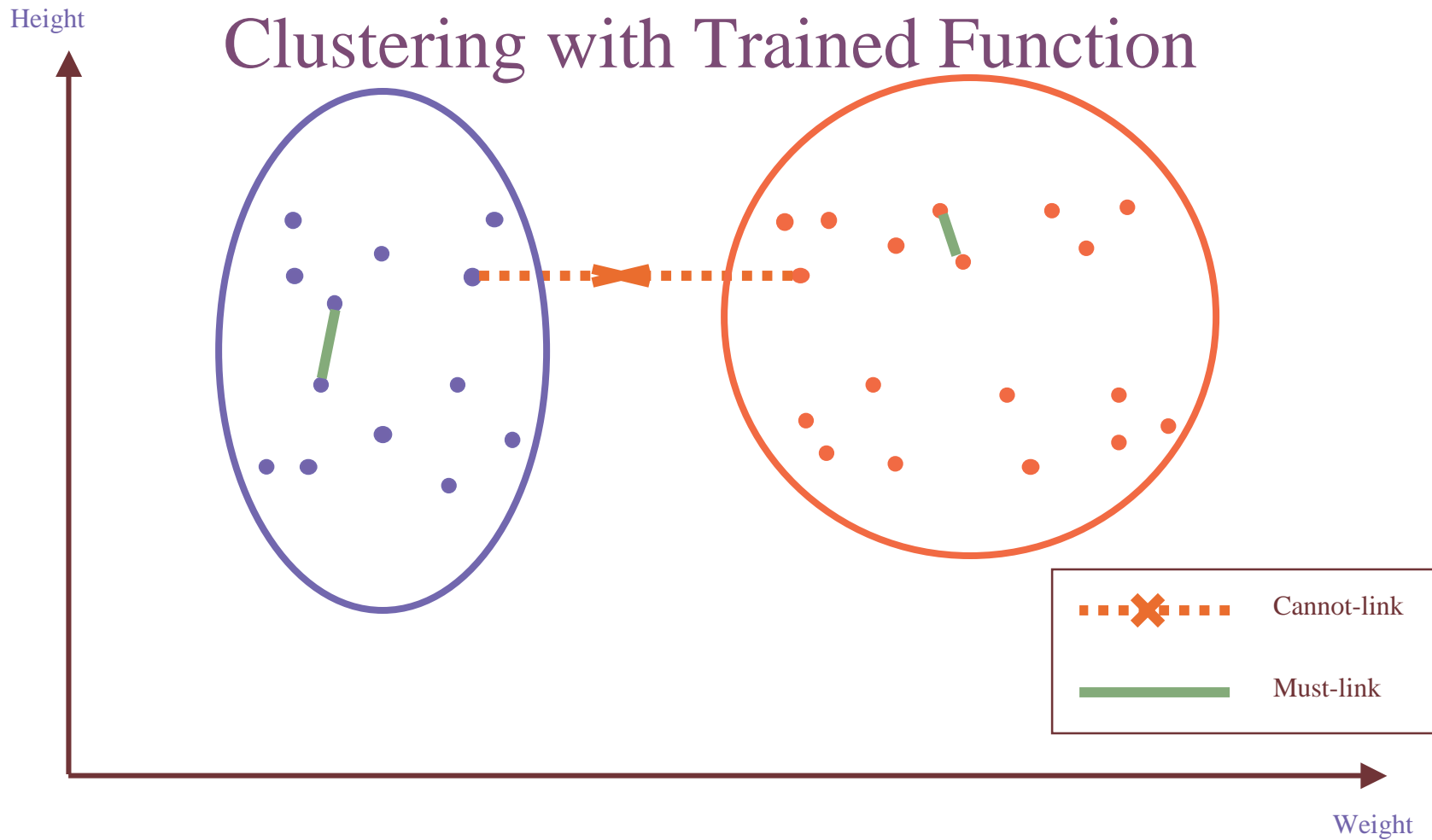
# Example: Learning Distance Function

Space Transformed by Learned Function



# Example: Learning Distance Function

## Clustering with Trained Function





# Enforce Constraints + Learn Distance

- Integrated framework [Basu et al.'04]
  - Respect constraints during cluster assignment
  - Modify distance function during parameter re-estimation
- Advantage of integration
  - Distance function can change the space to decrease constraint violations made by cluster assignment
  - Uses both constraints and unlabeled data for learning distance function

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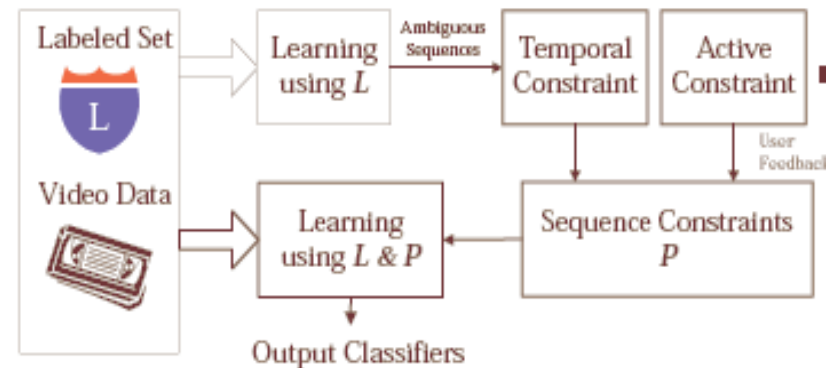
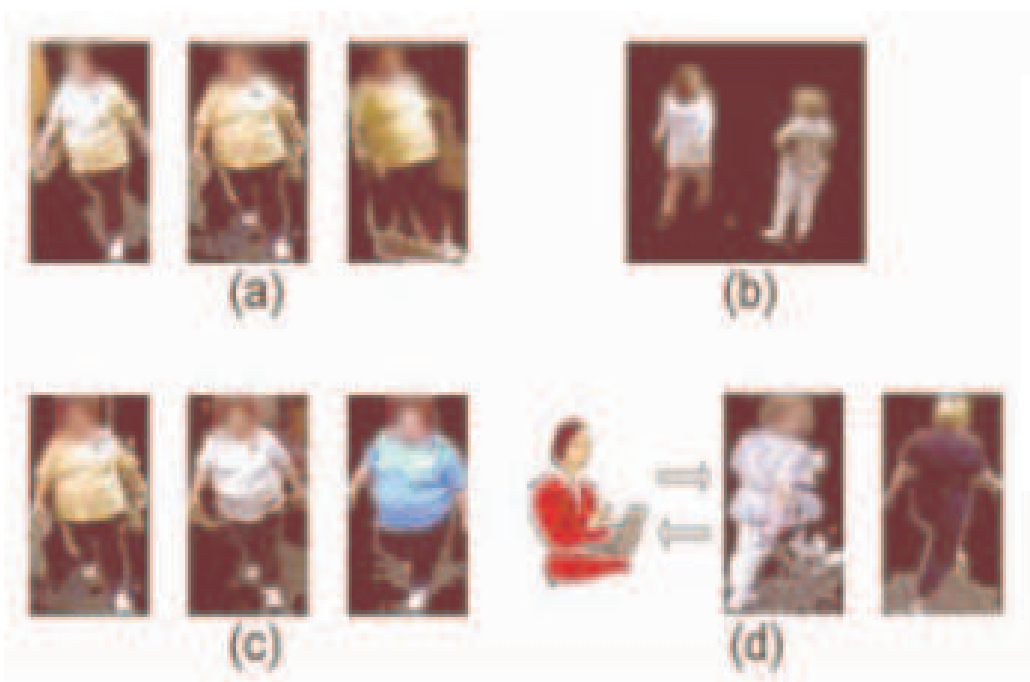
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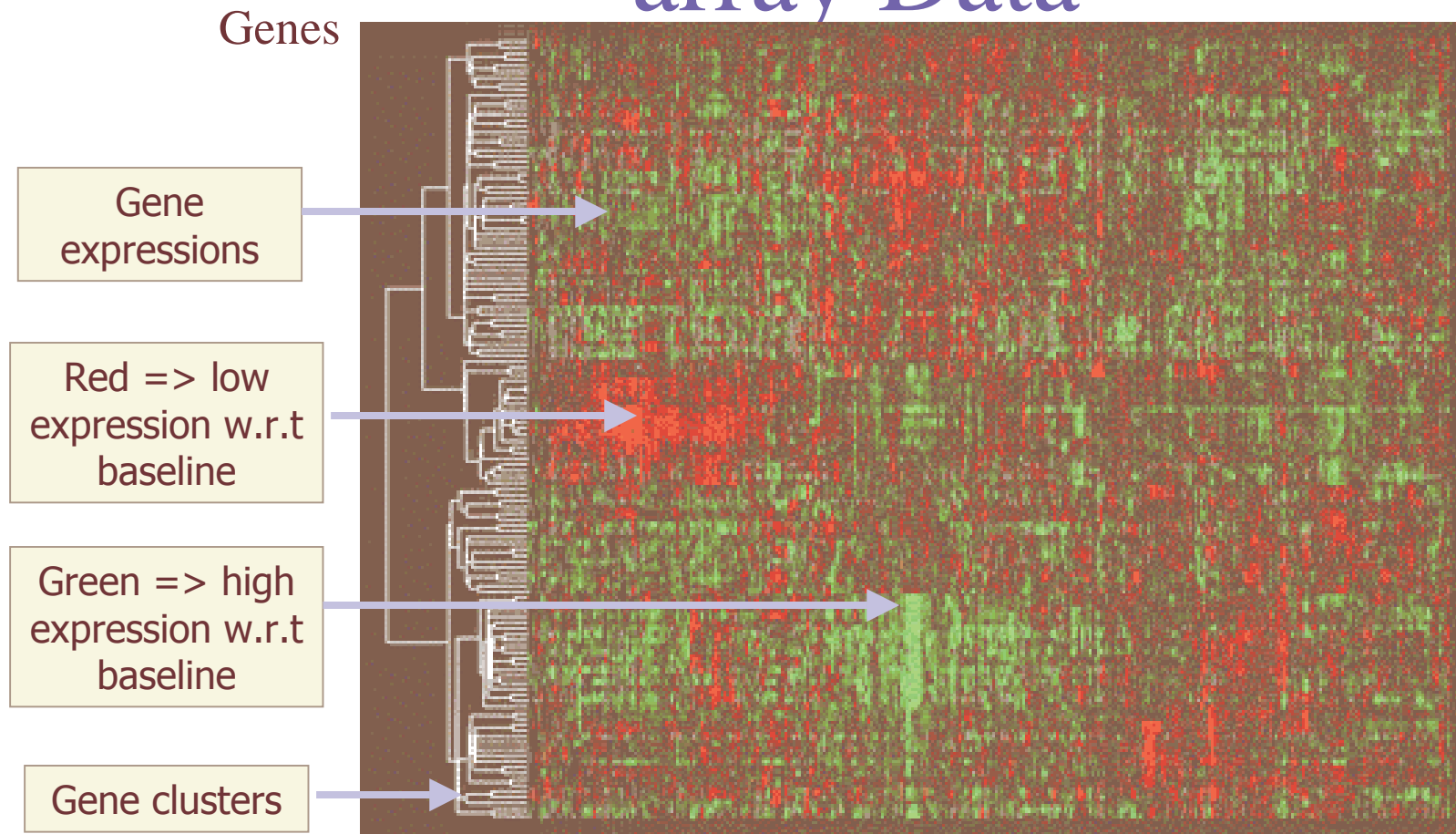
- Most used (in papers) approach to generate constraints.
- Typically set  $k$  to equal the number of extrinsic classes
- Clustering labeled ( $D_l$ ) and unlabeled data ( $D_u$ )
- Generate constraints from  $D_l$  (but how much?, what happens if I generate too many constraints?)

# Generating Constraints from Video

- Generating constraints from spatio-temporal aspects of video sequences [Yan et al.'04]



# Gene Clustering Using Microarray Data



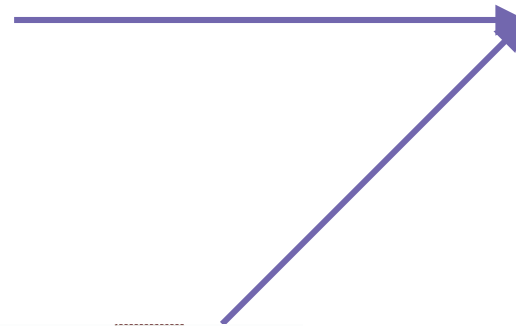
- **Constraints from gene interaction information in DIP**

Experiments

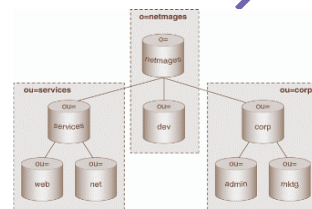
# Content Management: Document Clustering



Documents



Clustering



**Directory structure constraints**

# Personalizing Web Search Result Clustering

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Jaguar animal

Macintosh OS X (Jaguar)

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- Constraints mined from co-occurrence information in query web-logs

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- Regular k-means performs poorly on this problem instead finding spherical clusters.

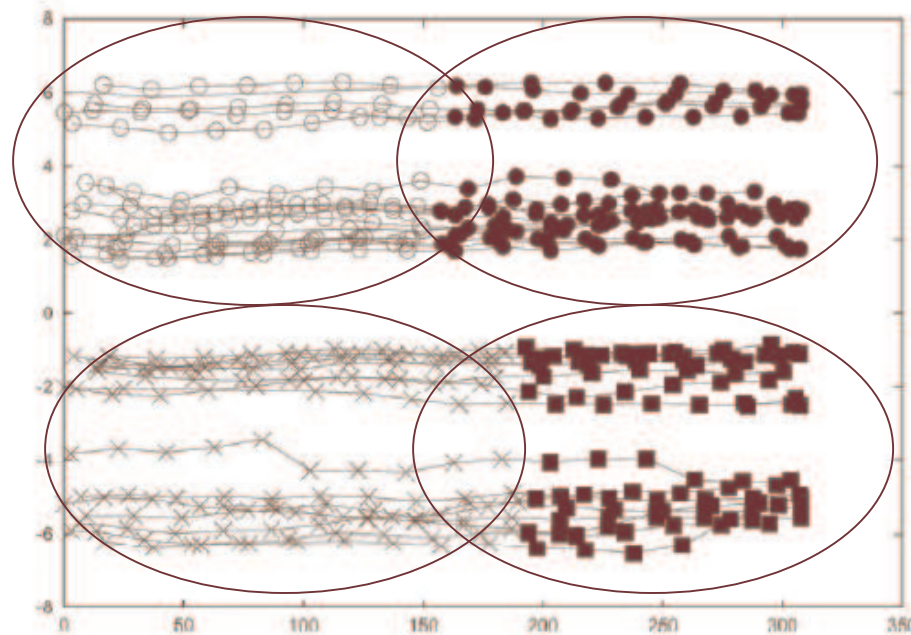


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# A Quick Summary

- **Benefits**
  - Increase accuracy when measured on extrinsic labels
  - Obtain clusterings with desired properties
  - Limited results for increasing algorithm run-time (agglomerative hierarchical clustering only)
- **Problems**
  - Feasibility issues, can easily over-constrain problem
  - Not all constraint sets improve accuracy

# The Feasibility Problem

- We've seen that constraints are useful ...
- But is there a catch?
- We are now trying to find a clustering under all sorts of constraints

## Feasibility Problem

Given a set of data points  $S$ , a set of  $ML$  and  $CL$  constraints, a lower ( $K_L$ ) and upper bound ( $K_U$ ) on the number of clusters, is there **at least one** single set partition of  $S$  into  $k$  blocks,  $K_U \geq k \geq K_L$  such that no constraints are violated?

i.e.  $CL(a,b)$ ,  $CL(b,c)$ ,  $CL(a,c)$ ,  $k=2$ ?

# Investigating the Feasibility Problem and Consequences?

- For a constraint type or combination:
  - P :construct a polynomial time algorithm
  - NP-complete : reduce from known NP-complete problem
- If the feasibility problem is in P then we can:
  - Use the algorithms to check if a single feasible solution exists before we even apply K-Means
  - Add feasibility checking as a step in K-Means.
- If feasibility problem is NP-complete then:
  - If we try to find a feasible solution at each iteration of K-Means, could take a long time as problem is intractable.

# Summary of Feasibility Complexity Results

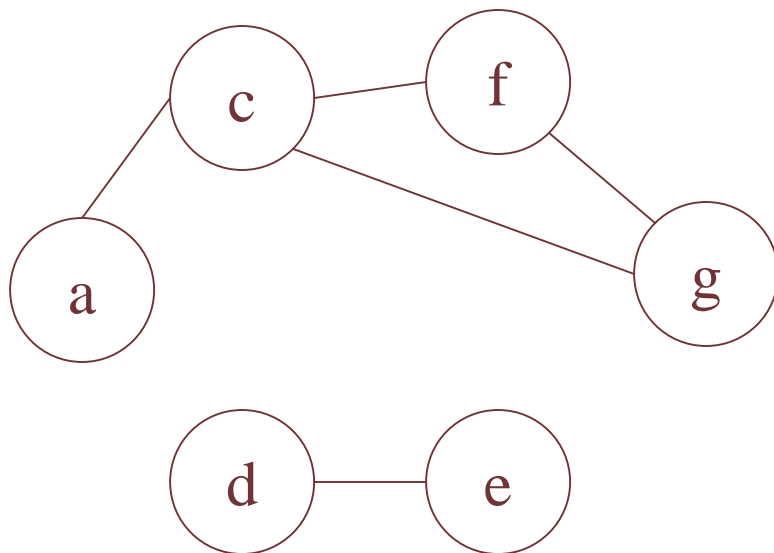
Constraint	Complexity
Must-Link	<b>P</b> [15]
Cannot-Link	<b>NP-Complete</b> [15]
$\delta$ -constraint	<b>P</b>
$\epsilon$ -constraint	<b>P</b>
Must-Link and $\delta$	<b>P</b>
Must-Link and $\epsilon$	<b>NP-complete</b>
$\delta$ and $\epsilon$	<b>P</b>

Table 1: Results for Feasibility Problems

# Cannot Link Example

Instances a thru z

Constraints:  $CL(a,c)$ ,  $CL(d,e)$ ,  $CL(f,g)$ ,  $CL(c,g)$ ,  $CL(c,f)$



Graph K-coloring problem

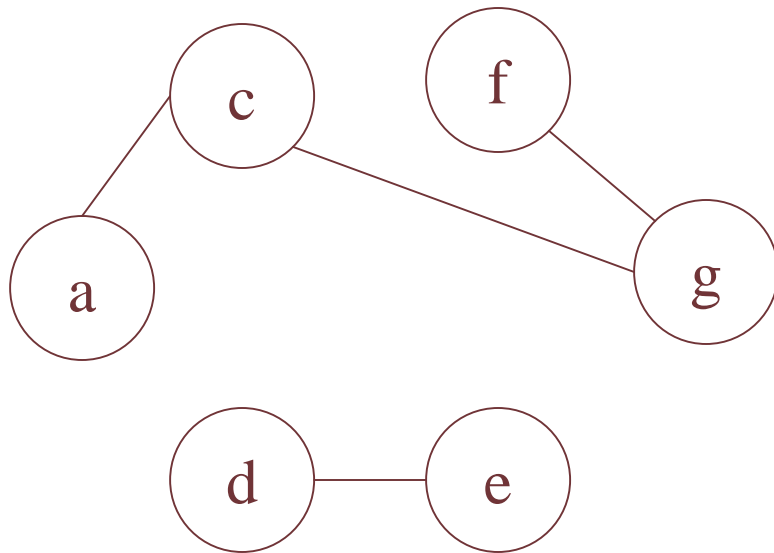
Graph K-coloring problem is intractable for all values of  $K \geq 3$

See [Davidson and Ravi '05] for polynomial reduction from graph K-coloring problem.

# Must Link Example

Instances a ...z

$ML(a,c), ML(d,e), ML(f,g), ML(c,g)$



$M1 = \{a, c, f, g\}$

$M2 = \{d, e\}$

Let  $r$  be the size of the transitive closure (i.e.  $r=2$  above), the number of connected components

Infeasible if  $k > (n - |TC|) - r$   
 $> 26 - 6 - 2$

i.e., can't have too many clusters



# New Results

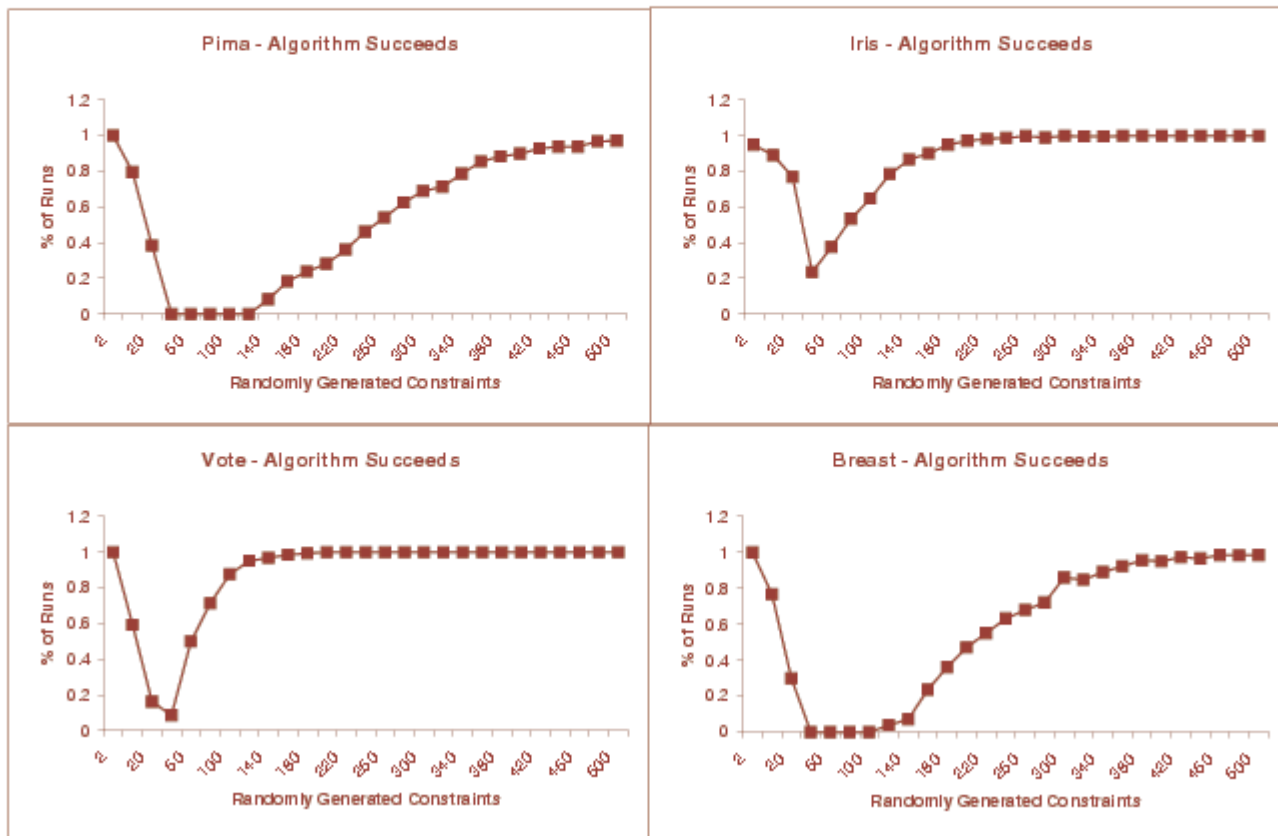
- Feasibility Problem for Disjunctions of ML and CL constraints are intractable
- But Feasibility Problem for Choice sets of ML and CL constraints are easy.
  - $ML(\mathbf{x}, y_1) \vee ML(\mathbf{x}, y_2) \dots \vee ML(\mathbf{x}, y_n)$
  - i.e.  $x$  must-be linked with one of the  $y$ 's.

# Is **Over-constraining** Really a Problem

- Wait! You said clustering under cannot link constraints was intractable.
- Worst case results say that there is one at least one “hard” problem instance so pessimistically we say the entire problem is hard.
- But when and how often does **over-constraining** become a problem.
- Set  $k = \#$  extrinsic clusters
- Randomly generated constraints by choosing two instances
- Run COP-k-means

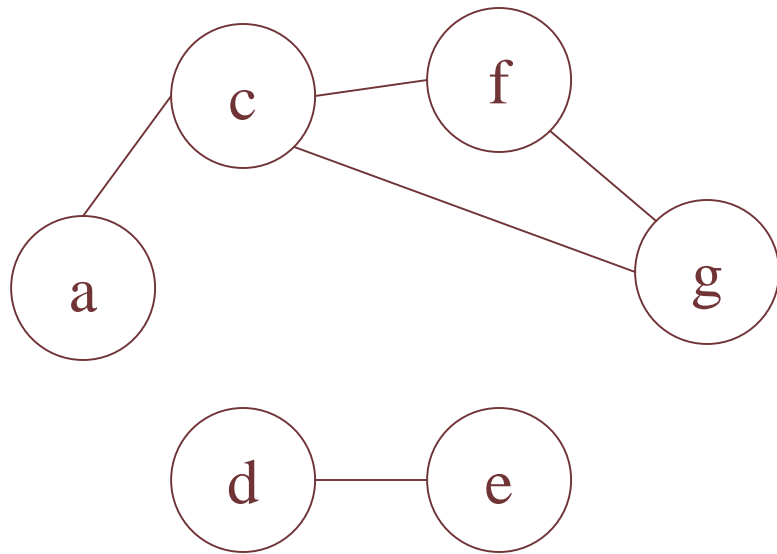
# Experimental Results

Figure 3: Graph of the proportion of times from 500 independent trials the algorithm in figure 2 gets stuck for various number of randomly chosen ML and CL constraints,  $k$  = number of intrinsic classes: Iris (3), Pima (2), Breast (2) and Vote (2).



# Some Theoretical Results To Identify Easy Constraint Sets

[Davidson, Ravi AAI '06]



Identify sufficient conditions where coloring is easy and hence algorithms like COP-k-means will always converge if a feasible solution exists.

a) If  $k \geq \max\text{Degree}(\text{CL-Graph}) + 1$

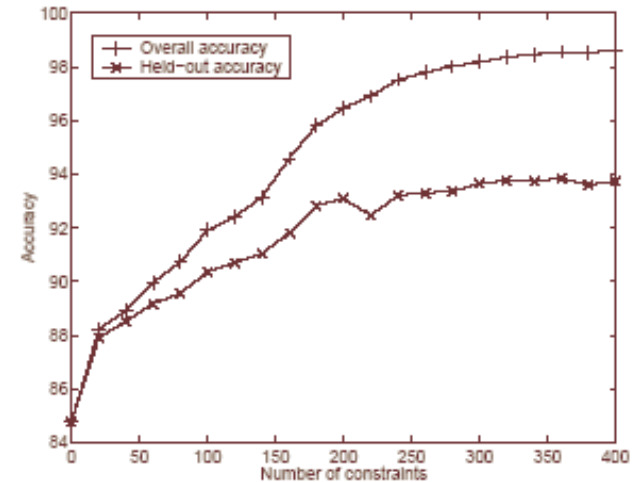
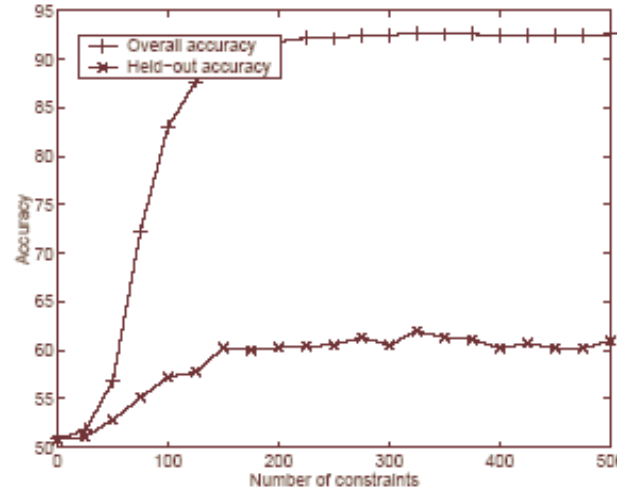
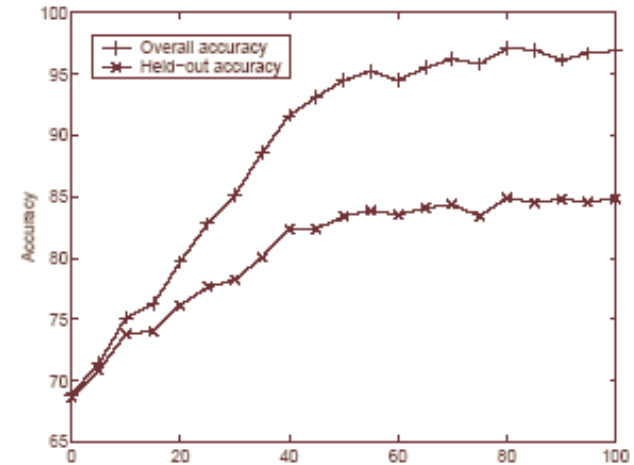
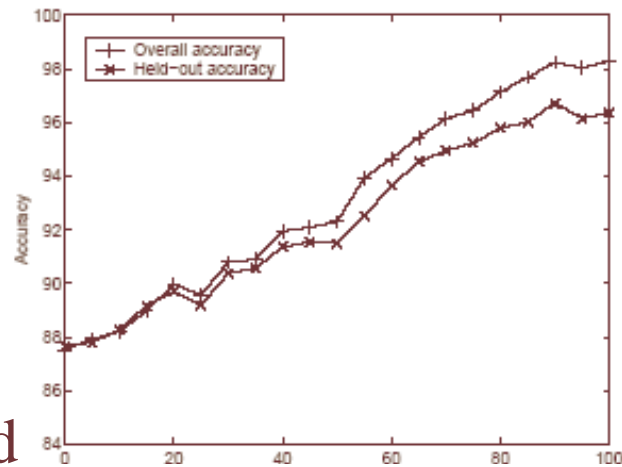
b) If  $k \geq Q\text{-Induct}(\text{CL-Graph}) + 1$

$Q$ -inductiveness of a graph:

Ordering of instances and assigned integer values so that at most  $Q$  edges point down-stream.

# Can Constraints Adversely Effect Performance?

Many people  
(including  
ourselves)  
Reported averaged  
performance  
[Wagstaff '02]



# However Averaging Masks That Some Constraint Sets Have Adverse Effects

Data Set	Algorithm							
	CKM		PKM		MKM		MPKM	
	Unconst.	Const.	Unconst.	Const.	Unconst.	Const.	Unconst.	Const.
Glass	69.0	<b>69.4</b>	43.4	<b>68.8</b>	39.5	<b>56.6</b>	39.5	<b>67.8</b>
Ionosphere	58.6	<b>58.7</b>	58.8	<b>58.9</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>58.9</b>
Iris	84.7	<b>87.8</b>	84.3	<b>88.3</b>	88.0	<b>93.6</b>	88.0	<b>91.8</b>
Wine	70.2	<b>70.9</b>	71.7	<b>72.0</b>	<b>93.3</b>	91.3	<b>93.3</b>	90.6

Table 1. Average performance (Rand Index) of four constrained clustering algorithms, for 1000 trials with 25 randomly selected constraints. The best result for each algorithm/data set combination is in bold.

Data Set	Algorithm			
	CKM	PKM	MKM	MPKM
Glass	28%	1%	11%	0%
Ionosphere	26%	77%	0%	77%
Iris	29%	19%	36%	36%
Wine	38%	34%	87%	74%

Table 2. Fraction of 1000 randomly selected 25-constraint sets that caused a drop in accuracy, compared to an unconstrained run with the same centroid initialization.

# Identifying Useful Constraint Sets: Informativeness and Coherence

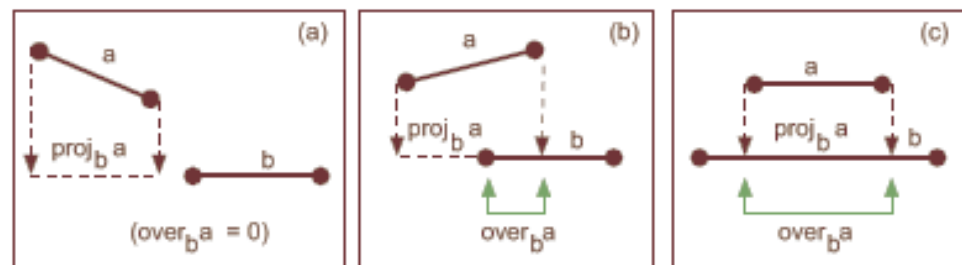
[Davidson, Wagstaff, Basu '06]



**Informativeness**

**Coherence**

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}}(C) = \frac{1}{|C|} \left[ \sum_{c \in C} \text{unsat}(c, P_{\mathcal{A}}) \right]$$



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# Enforcing Constraints

- Constraints are strong background information that should be satisfied.
- Two options
  - Satisfy all constraints, but we will run into infeasibility problems
  - Satisfy as many constraints as possible, but working out largest subset of constraints is also intractable (largest-color problem)

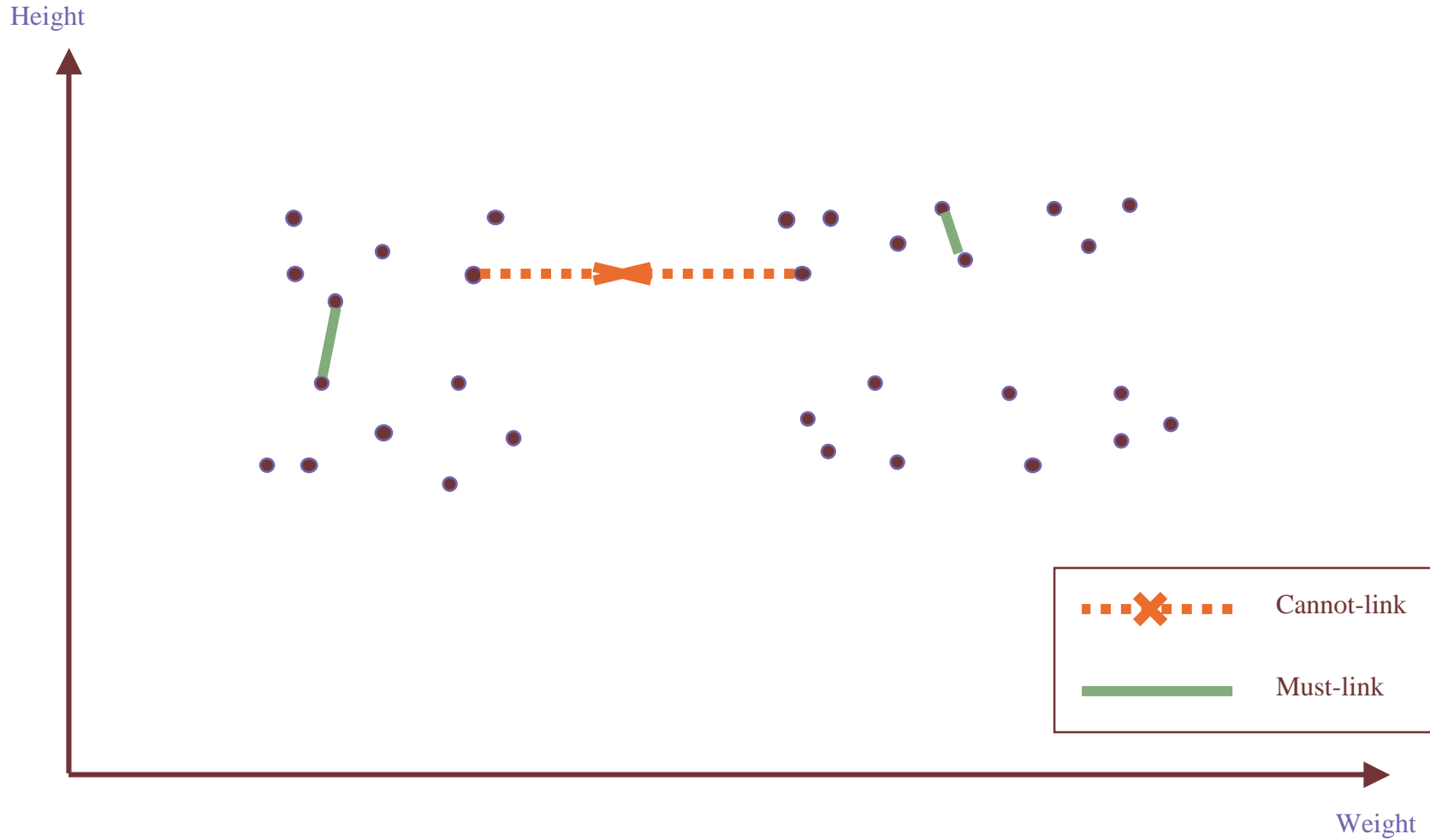
# COP-k-Means – Nearest- “Feasible”- Centroid Idea

**Input:**  $S_u$ : unlabeled data,  $S_l$ : labeled data,  $k$ : the number of clusters to find,  $q$ : number of constraints to generate.

**Output:** A set partition of  $S = S_u \cup S_l$  into  $k$  clusters so that all the constraints in  $C = ML \cup CL$  are satisfied.

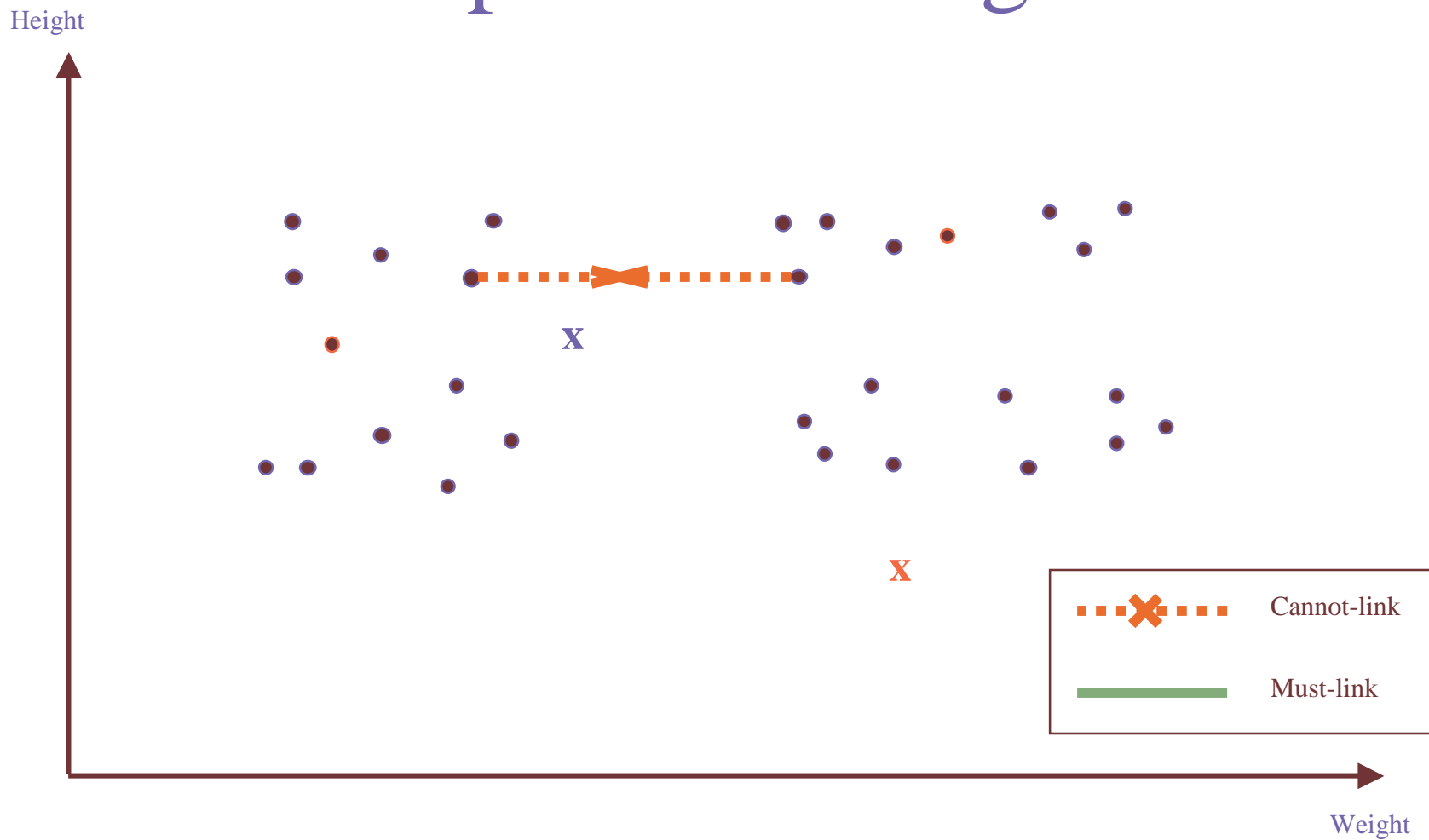
1.  $ML = \emptyset, CL = \emptyset$
2. **loop**  $q$  times **do**
  - (a) Randomly choose two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  from  $S_l$ .
  - (b) if(Label( $x$ ) = Label( $y$ ))  $ML = ML \cup \{x, y\}$  else  $CL = CL \cup \{x, y\}$
3. Compute the transitive closure from ML to obtain the connected components  $CC_1, \dots, CC_r$ .
4. For each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$ , replace data points in  $CC_i$  with the average of the points in  $CC_i$ .
5. Randomly generate cluster centroids  $C_1, \dots, C_k$ .
6. **loop** until convergence **do**
  - (a) **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $|S|$  **do**
    - (a.1) Assign  $s_i$  to closest feasible cluster.
  - (b) Recalculate  $C_1, \dots, C_k$ .

# Example: COP-K-Means - 1

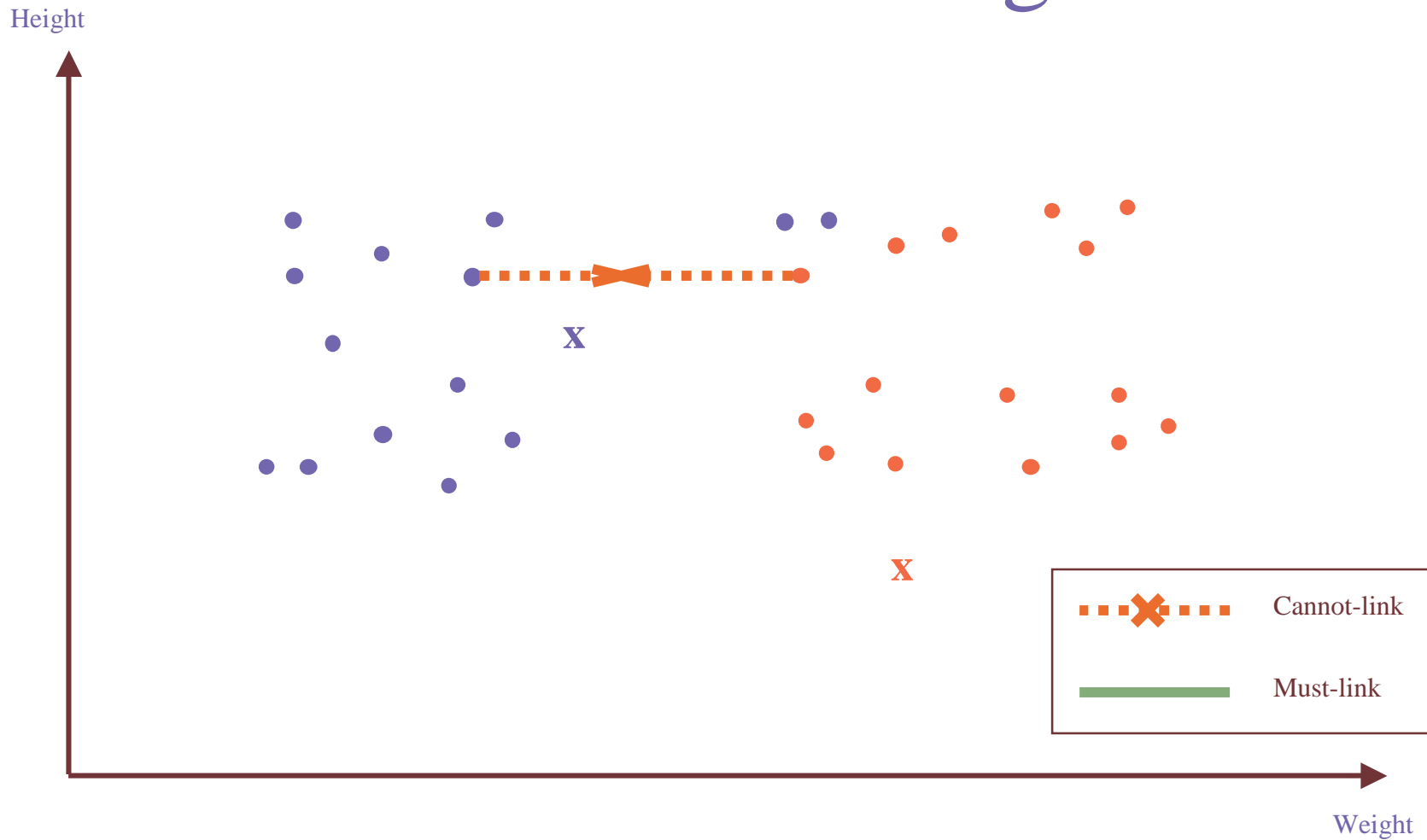


# Example: COP-K-Means – 2

## ML points Averaged



# Example: COP-K-Means – 3 Nearest-Feasible-Assignment



# Trying To Minimize VQE and Satisfy As Many Constraints As Possible

- Can't rely on expecting that I can satisfy all constraints at each iteration.
- Change aim of K-Means from:
  - Find a solution satisfying all the constraints and minimizing VQE
  - TO
  - Find a solution satisfying most of the constraints (penalized if a constraint is violated) and minimizing VQE
- Two tricks
  - Need to express penalty term in same units as VQE/distortion
  - Need to rederive K-Means (as a gradient descent algorithm) from first principles.

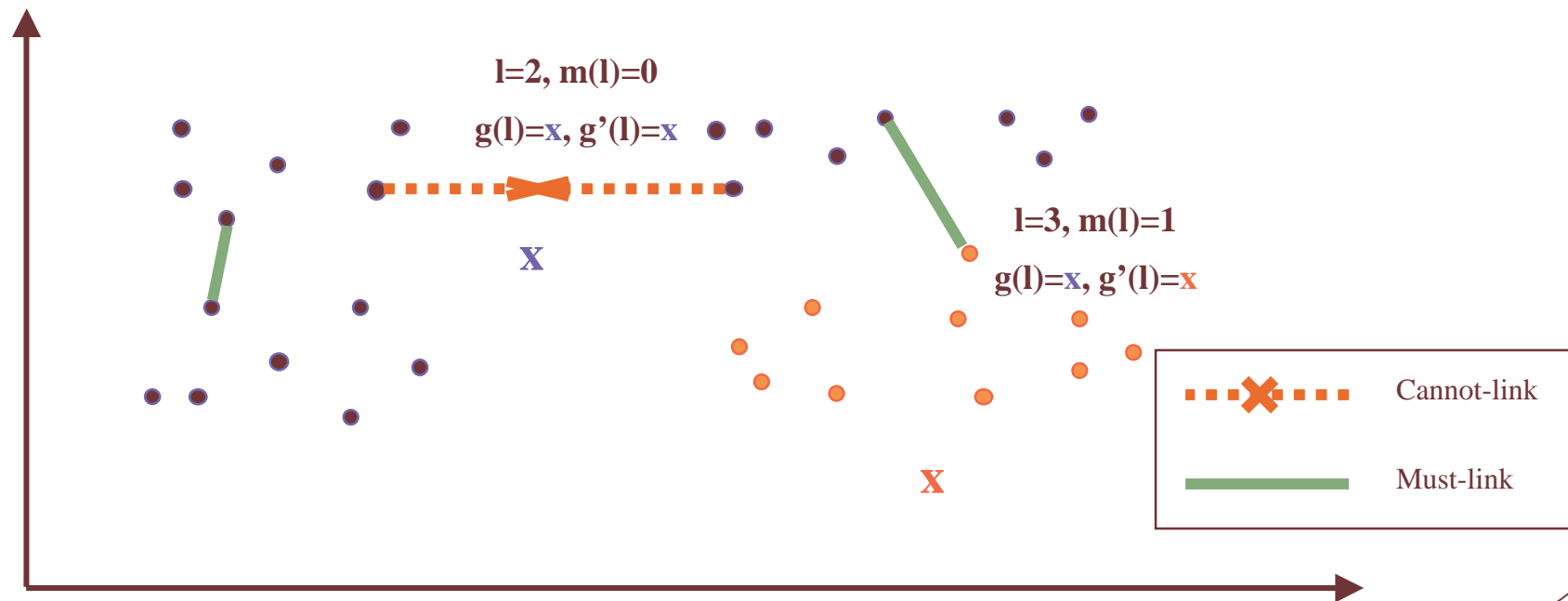
# An Approximation Algorithm – Notation

$g(l)$ ,  $g'(l)$  and  $m(l)$  refer to the  $l^{\text{th}}$  constraint

$g(l)$  : assigned cluster for first instance in constraint

$g'(l)$  : assigned cluster for second instance in constraint

$m(l) = 1$  for must link,  $m(l) = 0$  for cannot link



# New Differentiable Objective Function

Satisfying a constraint may increase distortion

Trade-off between satisfying constraints and distortion requires measurement in the same units

$$(5.5) \quad CVQE_j = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s_i \in Q_j} T_{j,1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1, g(l)=j}^{s+r} (T_{j,2} \times T_{j,3})$$

where

$$T_{j,1} = (C_j - s_i)^2$$

$$T_{j,2} = \mathbf{k}_1 [(C_j - C_{g'(l)})^2 - \Delta(g'(l), g(l))]^{m_l}$$

$$T_{j,3} = \mathbf{k}_2 [(C_j - C_{h(g'(l))})^2 \Delta(g(l), g'(l))]^{1-m_l}$$

Only one is non-zero per constraint violation

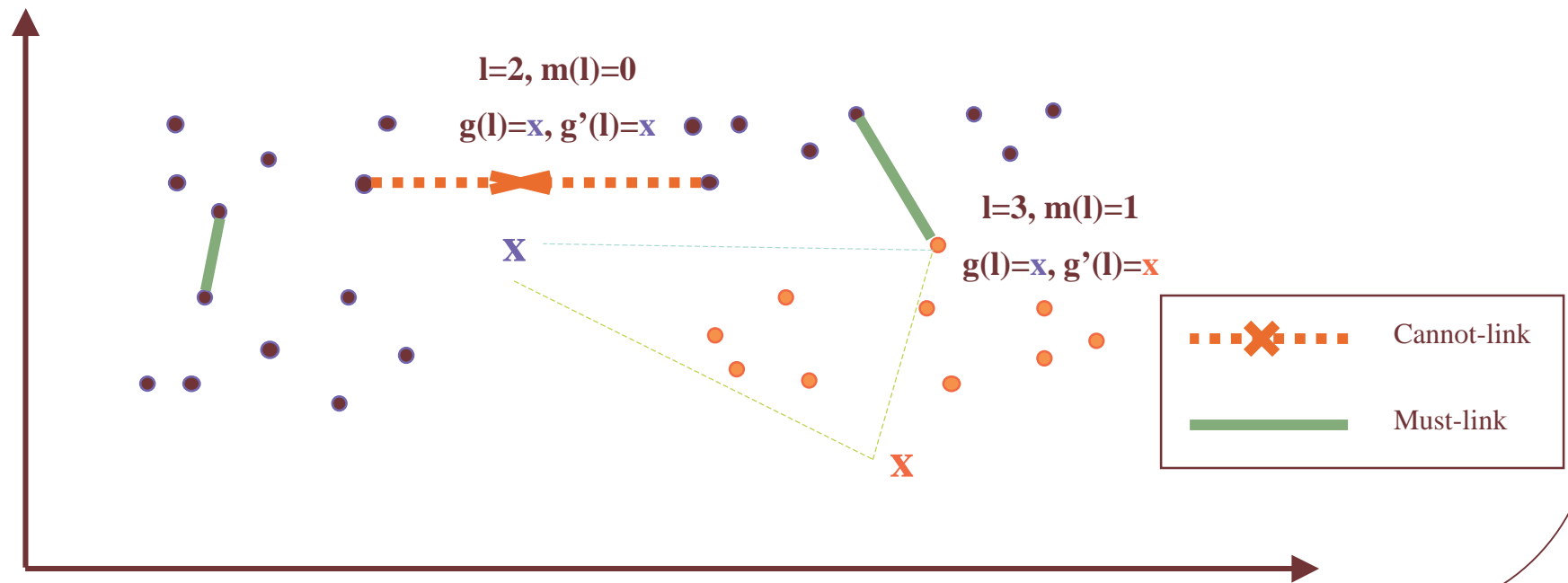
If ML violated add distance between clusters

If CL violated add distance between cluster and nearest cluster



# Visualizing the Penalties

Either satisfy the constraint, or  
Assign to the “nearest” centroid but with a penalty



# Constrained K-Means Algorithm

Algorithm aims to minimize CVQE and has a formal derivation  
Randomly assign each instance to a cluster.

1.  $C_j =$  Average of points assigned to  $j$   
+ Centroids of points that **should be** assigned to  $j$   
+ Nearest Centroids to points that **should not to be**  
assigned to  $j$

**Must Link  
Penalties**

2. NN assignment for each instance using new distance  
Assign  $x$  to  $C_j$  iff  $\operatorname{argmin}_j CVQE(x, C_j)$

Goto 1 until  $\Delta CVQE$  is small

**Cannot Link  
Penalties**

# Outline

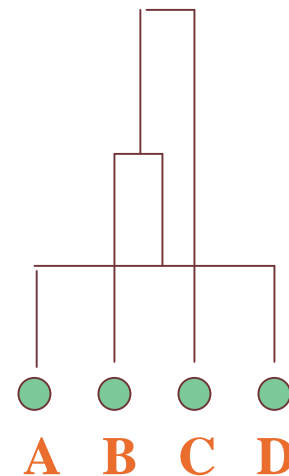
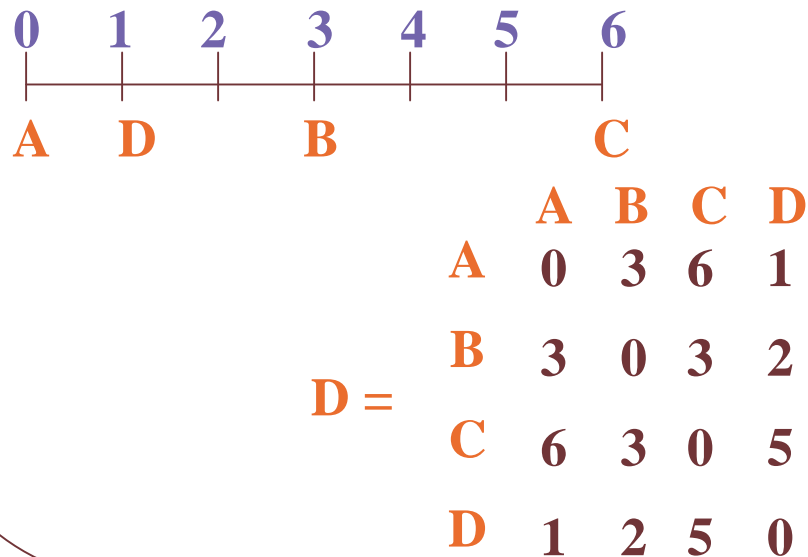
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# Hierarchical Clustering

## Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering

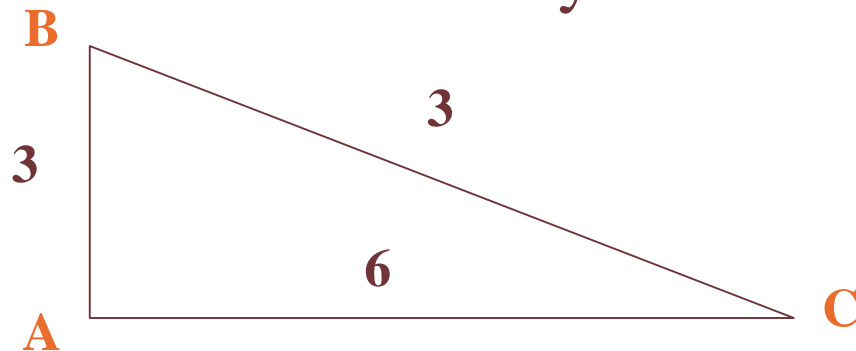
1. Initially, every instance is in its own cluster
2. Compute similarities between each cluster
3. Merge two most **similar** clusters into one.
4. Goto 2

Time Complexity  $O(n^2)$



## Modify the Distance Matrix (D) To Satisfy Instance Level Constraints (KKM02) - 1

- Metric spaces. Only changing the distance matrix not the distance function.
- But we must satisfy the triangle inequality



$$d(x,y) \leq d(x,z) + d(z,y)$$

$$d(x,y) \geq |d(x,z) - d(z,y)|$$

- If inequality did not hold then shortest distance between two points wouldn't be a line.

## Modify the Distance Matrix (D) To Satisfy Instance Level Constraints (KKM02) - 2

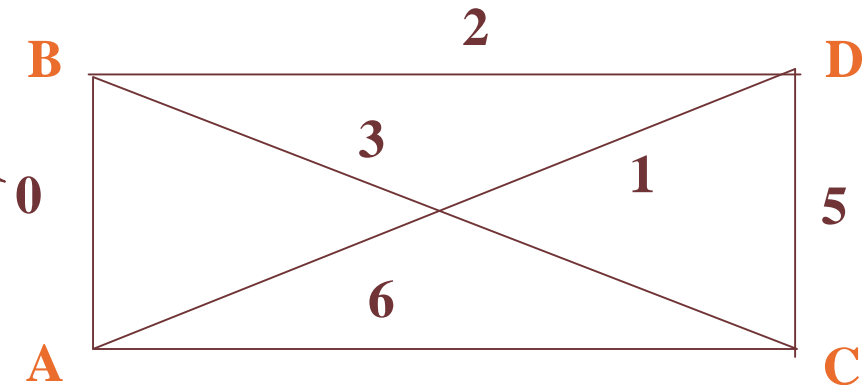
**D =**

	A	B	C	D
A	0	0	6	1
B	0	0	3	2
C	6	3	0	5
D	1	2	5	0

Causes Violation

ML(A,B)

CL(A,D)



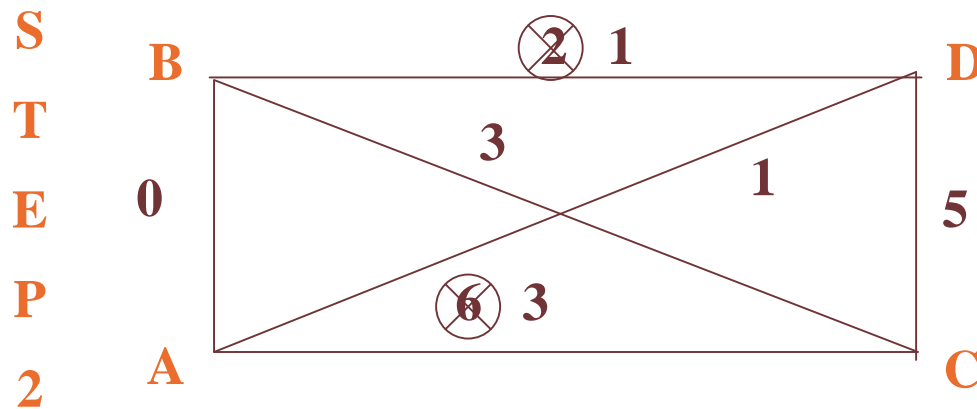
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### Algorithm

- 1): Change ML distance instance entries in D to 0
- 2): Calculate D' from D using all pairwise shortest path algorithms, takes  $O(n^3)$
- 3): D'' = D' Except Change CL distance entries to be  $\max(D)+1$

# Modify the Distance Matrix (D) To Satisfy Instance Level Constraints (KKM02) – 3



$D' =$

	A	B	C	D
A	0	0	3	1
B	0	0	3	1
C	3	3	0	5
D	1	1	5	0

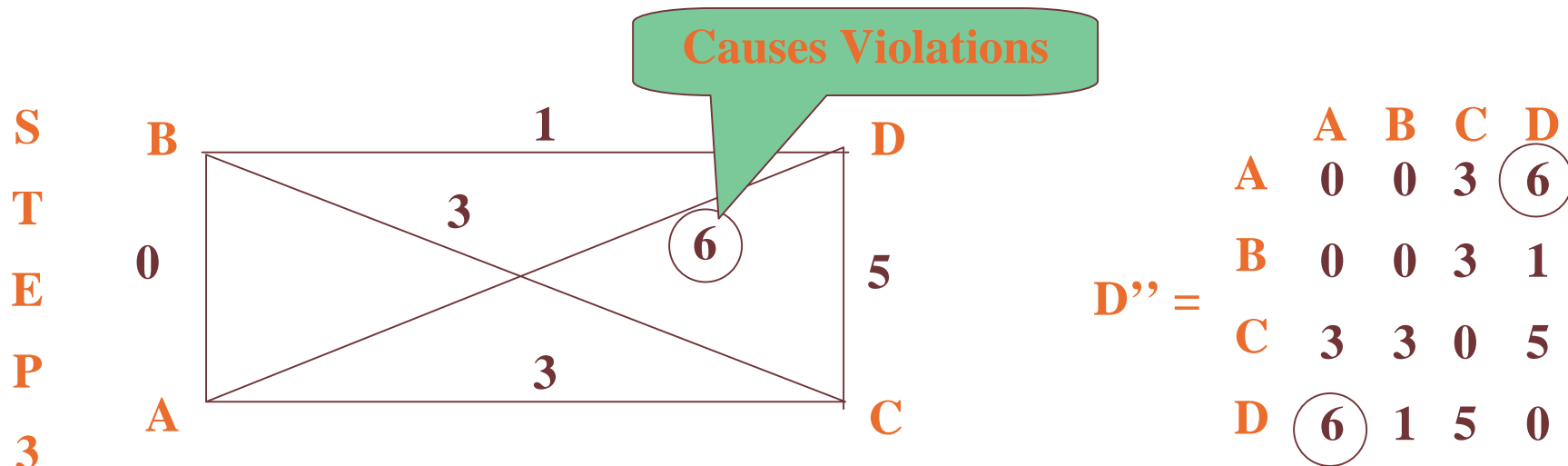
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# Modify the Distance Matrix (D) To Satisfy Instance Level Constraints (KKM02) - 4



But Because of entailment property of CL we “maintain” the triangle inequality

Join(A,B)

Can't Join((A,B),D) instead Join((A,B),C) and then stop

Indirectly made  $d(B,D)$  and  $d(A,C) \gg 6$  and make inequality indirectly hold.



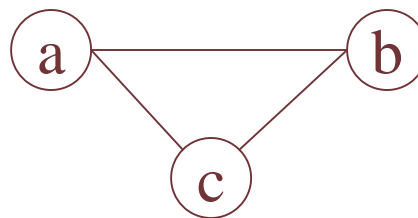
# Feasibility, Dead-ends and Speeding Up Agglomerative Clustering

## Feasibility Problem

Instance: Given a set  $S$  of points, a (symmetric) distance function  $d(x,y) \geq 0 \forall x,y$  and a collection of  $C$  constraints.

Problem: Can  $S$  be partitioned into **at least one** single subsets (clusters) so that all constraints are satisfied?

$CL(a,b),$   
 $CL(b,c),$   
 $CL(a,c)$   
( $k=3, k=2, k=1$ )?



For fixed  $k$   
equivalent to graph  
coloring so NP-complete

# Feasibility Results

<b>Constraint</b>	<b>Given <math>k</math></b>	<b>Unspecified <math>k</math></b>
ML	<b>P</b> [SDM05]	<b>P</b> [PKDD05]
CL	<b>NP-complete</b> [SDM05]	<b>P</b> [PKDD05]
$\delta$	<b>P</b> [SDM05]	<b>P</b> [PKDD05]
$\varepsilon$	<b>P</b> [SDM05]	<b>P</b> [PKDD05]
ML and $\varepsilon$	<b>NP-complete</b> [SDM05]	<b>P</b> [PKDD05]
ML and $\delta$	<b>P</b> [SDM05]	<b>P</b> [PKDD05]
$\delta$ and $\varepsilon$	<b>P</b> [SDM05]	<b>P</b> [PKDD05]
ML, CL and $\varepsilon$	<b>NP-complete</b> [SDM05]	<b>NP-complete</b> [PKDD05]

# Feasibility under ML and CL

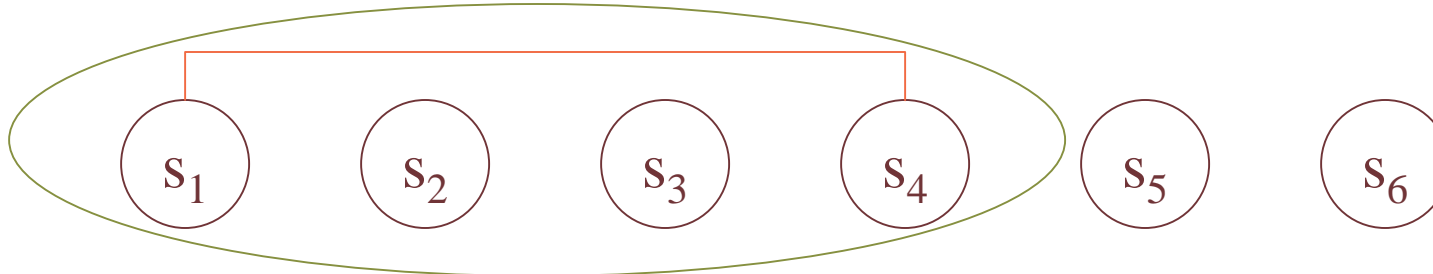
$ML(s_1, s_3), ML(ML(s_2, s_3), ML(s_2, s_4)), CL(s_1, s_4)$



Compute the Transitive Closure on  $ML = \{CC_1 \dots CC_r\}$   $O(n + m_{ML})$



Construct Edges  $\{E\}$  between Nodes based on CL:  $O(m_{CL})$



Infeasible: iff  $\exists h, k : e_h(s_i, s_j) : s_i, s_j \in CC_k : O(m_{CL})$

# Feasibility under ML and $\varepsilon$

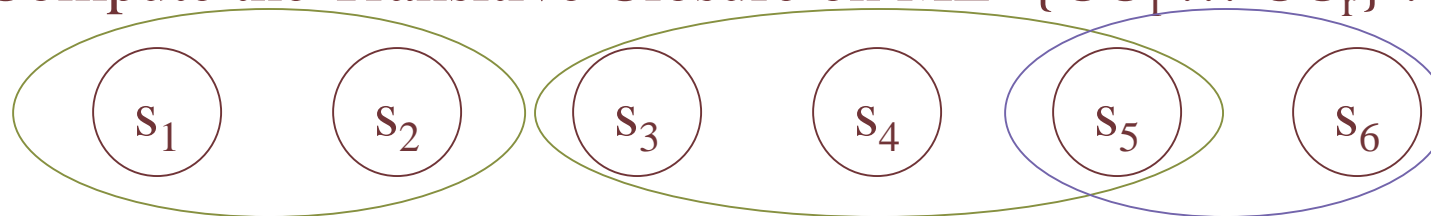
$S' = \{x \in S : x \text{ does not have an } \varepsilon \text{ neighbor}\} = \{s_5, s_6\}$

Each of these should be in their own cluster



$ML(s_1, s_2), ML(s_3, s_4), ML(s_4, s_5)$

Compute the Transitive Closure on  $ML = \{CC_1 \dots CC_r\} : O(n+m)$



Infeasible: iff  $\exists i, j : s_i \in CC_j, s_i \in S' : O(|S'|)$

# An Algorithm for ML and CL Constraints

*ConstrainedAgglomerative(S,ML,CL)* returns *Dendrogram<sub>i</sub>*,  $i = k_{\min} \dots k_{\max}$

Notes: In Step 5 below, the term “mergeable clusters” is used to denote a pair of clusters whose merger does not violate any of the given CL constraints. The value of  $t$  at the end of the loop in Step 5 gives the value of  $k_{\min}$ .

1. Construct the transitive closure of the ML constraints (see [4] for an algorithm) resulting in  $r$  connected components  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_r$ .
2. If two points  $\{x, y\}$  are both a CL and ML constraint then output “No Solution” and stop.
3. Let  $S_1 = S - (\bigcup_{i=1}^r M_i)$ . Let  $k_{\max} = r + |S_1|$ .
4. Construct an initial feasible clustering with  $k_{\max}$  clusters consisting of the  $r$  clusters  $M_1, \dots, M_r$  and a singleton cluster for each point in  $S_1$ . Set  $t = k_{\max}$ .
5. **while** (there exists a pair of mergeable clusters) **do**
  - (a) Select a pair of clusters  $C_l$  and  $C_m$  according to the specified distance criterion.
  - (b) Merge  $C_l$  into  $C_m$  and remove  $C_l$ . (The result is *Dendrogram<sub>t-1</sub>*.)
  - (c)  $t = t - 1$ .**endwhile**

**Fig. 2.** Agglomerative Clustering with ML and CL Constraints

# Empirical Results

Data Set	Distortion		Purity	
	Unconstrained	Constrained	Unconstrained	Constrained
Iris	3.2	2.7	58%	66%
Breast	8.0	7.3	53%	59%
Digit (3 vs 8)	17.1	15.2	35%	45%
Pima	9.8	8.1	61%	68%
Census	26.3	22.3	56%	61%
Sick	17.0	15.6	50%	59%

**Table 2.** Average Distortion per Instance and Average Percentage Cluster Purity over Entire Dendrogram

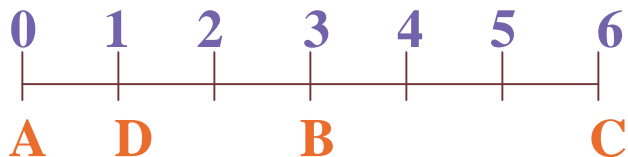
Data Set	Unconstrained	Constrained
Iris	22,201	3,275
Breast	487,204	59,726
Digit (3 vs 8)	3,996,001	990,118
Pima	588,289	61,381
Census	2,347,305,601	563,034,601
Sick	793,881	159,801

**Table 3.** The Rounded Mean Number of Pair-wise Distance Calculations for an Unconstrained and Constrained Clustering using the  $\delta$  constraint

# Dead-end Clusterings

**Definition 3.** A feasible clustering  $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$  of a set  $S$  is irreducible if no pair of clusters in  $C$  can be merged to obtain a feasible clustering with  $k - 1$  clusters.

A  $k$  cluster clustering is a dead-end if it is irreducible, even though other feasible clusterings with  $<k$  clusters exist



Constraints  $CL(A,B)$   $CL(A,C)$

Join(A,D) Can't go any further – Deadend

Even Though Join(B,C), Join(A,D) is possible

**D =**

	A	B	C	D
A	0	3	6	1
B	3	0	3	2
C	6	3	0	5
D	1	2	5	0

# Why Are Dead-Ends a Problem?

- Theorem (in technical report)
  - Let  $k_{min} < k_{max}$ , then if there is a feasible clustering with  $k_{max}$  clusters and a “coarsening” with  $k_{min}$  clusters there exists a feasible clustering **for every value** between  $k_{min}$  and  $k_{max}$
- But you can’t always go from a clustering with  $k_{max}$  to one with  $k_{min}$  clusters if you perform closest cluster merge.
- That is if you use traditional agglomerative algorithms your dendrogram can end prematurely.



# Dead-End Results

- For dead-end situations, you can't use agglomerative clustering algorithms, otherwise you'll prematurely terminate the dendrogram.

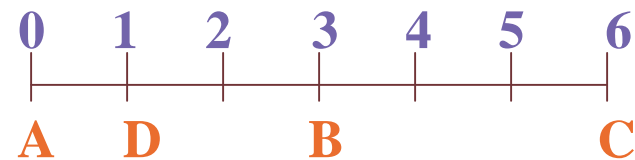
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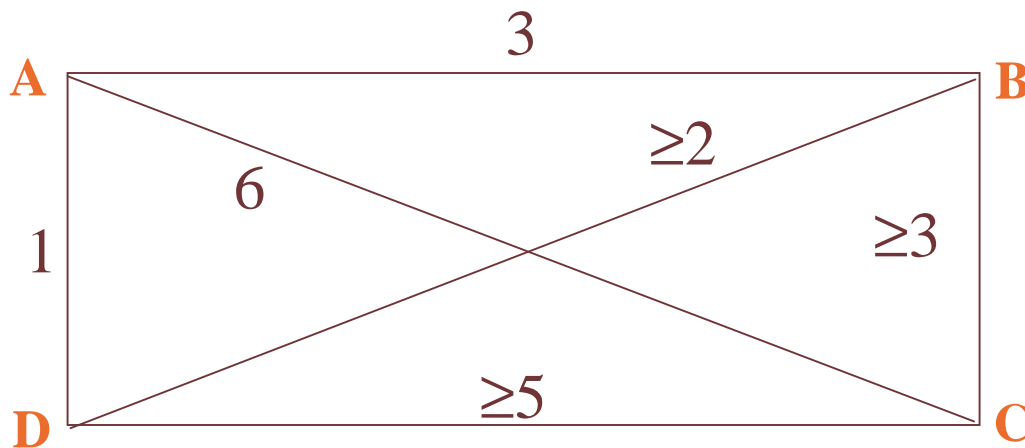
# Speeding Up Agglomerative Clustering Using the Triangle Inequality - 1

**Definition 2.** (The  $\gamma$  Constraint For Hierarchical Clustering) Two clusters whose geometric centroids are separated by a distance greater than  $\gamma$  cannot be joined.

Calculate distance between  
a pivot and all other points  
Bound distances on  
remaining pairs of points



Pivot



# Speeding Up Agglomerative Clustering Using the Triangle Inequality - 2

Let  $\gamma = 2$

**D =**

	A	B	C	D
A	0	3	6	1
B	3	0	<del>3</del> $\geq 2$	
C	6	<del>3</del>	0	<del>5</del>
D	1	$\geq 2$	<del>5</del>	0

Data Set	Unconstrained	Using $\gamma$ Constraint
Iris	22,201	19,830
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Census	2,347,305,601	1,992,232,981
Sick	793,881	703,764

*Mean number of distance calculations*

Calculate:  $D(a,b)=1$ ,  $D(a,c) = 3$ ,  $D(a,d) = 6$

Save  $D(b,d)\geq 5$   $D(c,d)\geq 3$

Calculate  $D(b,c)\geq 2$ ,

# Algorithm

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*IntelligentDistance* ( $\gamma, C = \{C_1, \dots, C_k\}$ )  
returns  $d(i, j) \forall i, j$ .

1. for  $i = 2$  to  $n - 1$   $d_{1,i} = D(C_1, C_i)$  endloop
2. for  $i = 2$  to  $n - 1$   
    for  $j = i + 1$  to  $n - 1$   $\hat{d}_{i,j} = |d_{1,i} - d_{1,j}|$   
        if  $\hat{d}_{i,j} > \gamma$  then  $d_{i,j} = \gamma + 1$ ; do not join   else  $d_{i,j} = D(x_i, x_j)$   
    endloop  
endloop
3. return  $d_{i,j}, \forall i, j$ .

**Fig. 3.** Function for Calculating Distances Using the  $\gamma$  Constraint and the Triangle Inequality.

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- Worst case result  $O(n^2)$  distance calculations
- Best case calculated bound **always** exceeds  $\gamma$ :  $O(n)$
- Average case using the Markov inequality: save  $1/2c$  distance calculations  
    where  $\gamma = c\rho$  and  $\rho$  is the average distance between two points.

$$P(X \geq A) \leq E[X] / A$$

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# Distance Learning as Convex Optimization [Xing et al. '02]

- Learns a parameterized Mahalanobis (weighted Euclidean) distance using semi-definite programming (SDP):

$$\min_A \sum_{(s_i, s_j) \in ML} \|s_i - s_j\|_A^2 = \min_A \sum_{(s_i, s_j) \in ML} (s_i - s_j)^T A (s_i - s_j)$$

$$\sum_{(s_i, s_j) \in CL} \|s_i - s_j\|_A \geq 1$$

$$s.t. \quad A \succeq 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T = \{2,3\}, \mathbf{y}^T = \{4,5\}: \mathbf{D}_I(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \propto \{2-4, 3-5\}^T \mathbf{I} \{2-4, 3-5\}$$

$$\propto \{2-4, 3-5\}^T \{\mathbf{I}_{1,1}(2-4), \mathbf{I}_{2,2}(3-5)\}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_A(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \propto \{2-4, 3-5\}^T \mathbf{A} \{2-4, 3-5\}$$

$$\propto \mathbf{A}_{1,1}(2-4)^2 + \mathbf{A}_{2,2}(3-5)^2$$

# Alternate formulation

- Equivalent optimization problem:

$$\max_A g(A) = \sum_{(s_i, s_j) \in CL} \|s_i, s_j\|_A$$

$$f(A) = \sum_{(s_i, s_j) \in ML} \|s_i, s_j\|_A^2 \leq 1 \longrightarrow C_1$$

$$s.t. \quad A \phi 0 \longrightarrow C_2$$

# Optimization Algorithm

- Solve optimization problem using combination of
  - gradient ascent: to optimize the objective
  - iterated projection algorithm: to satisfy the constraints

**Iterate**

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$$A := \arg \min_{A'} \{ \|A' - A\|_F : A' \in C_1 \}$$

$$A := \arg \min_{A'} \{ \|A' - A\|_F : A' \in C_2 \}$$

**until**  $A$  converges

$$A := A + \alpha (\nabla_A g(A))_{\perp \nabla_A f}$$

**until** convergence

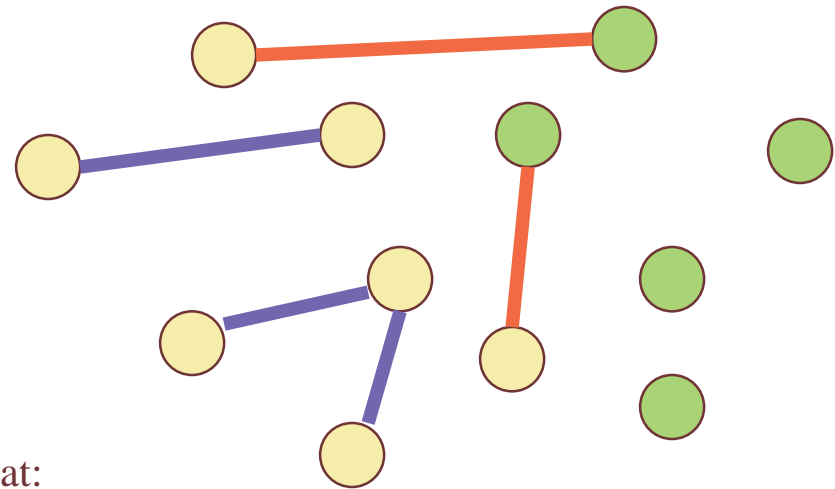
- [Bie et al. '05] use a variant of Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) to find semi-supervised metric more efficiently than SDP



# Distance Learning in Product Space

[Hertz et al. '04]

- Input:
  - Data set  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - Equivalence constraints
- Output: function  $D: \underbrace{X \times X}_{\text{product space}} \rightarrow [0,1]$  such that:
  - points from the same class are close to each other.
  - points from different classes are very far from each other.
- Basic Observation:
  - *Equivalence constraints*  $\Leftrightarrow$  Binary labels in product space
  - Use boosting on product space to learn function



# Boosting in a nutshell

A standard ML method that attempts to boost the performance of “weak” learners

Basic idea:

1. Initially, weights are set **equally**
2. **Iterate:**
  - i. **Train** weak learner on weighted data
  - ii. **Increase** weights of **incorrectly** classified examples (force weak learner to focus on difficult examples)
3. Final hypothesis: **combination of weak hypotheses**

# EM on Gaussian Mixture Model

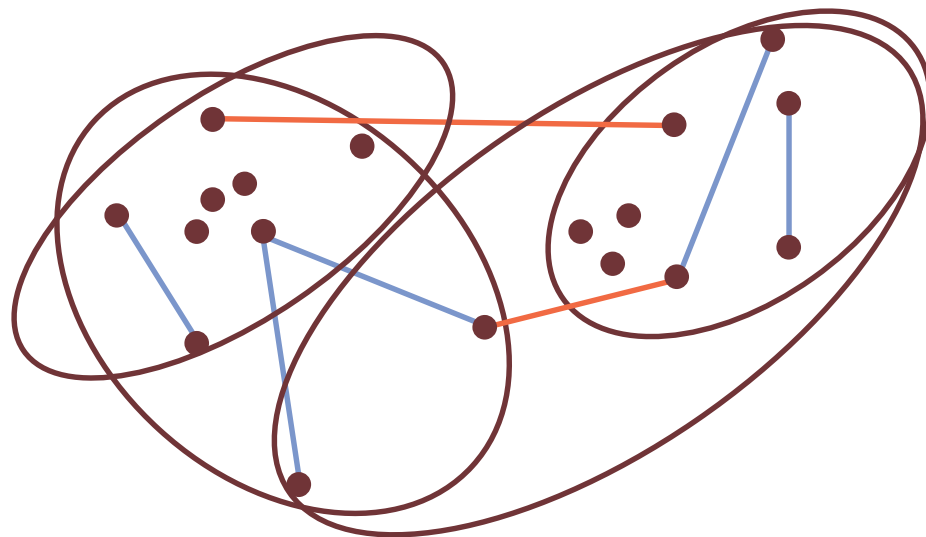
- GMM: Standard data representation that models data using a number of Gaussian sources
- The parameters of the sources are estimated using the EM algorithm:
  - E step: Calculate Expected log-likelihood of the data over all possible assignments of data-points to sources
  - M step: Differentiate the Expectation w.r.t. the **parameters**

# The Weak Learner: Constrained EM

**Constrained EM algorithm:** fits a mixture of Gaussians to unlabeled data given a set of equivalence constraints.

**Modification in case of equivalence constraints:**

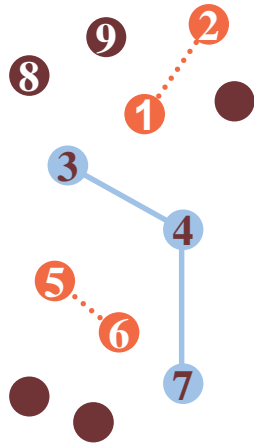
**E step:** sum only over assignments which comply with the constraints



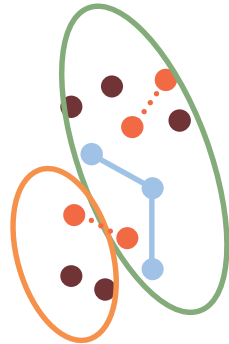
# The *DistBoost* algorithm

For  $t = 1, \dots, T$

Input: weighted data-points + eq. constraints



(1) Learn constrained GMM



(2) Generate “weak” distance function

$$\begin{aligned} h_t(x_1, x_2) &= 0.1 \\ h_t(x_3, x_4) &= 0.2 \\ h_t(x_5, x_6) &= 0.7 \end{aligned}$$

(3-4) Compute “weak” distance function weight  $\alpha_t$

(7) Translate weights on pairs to weights on data points



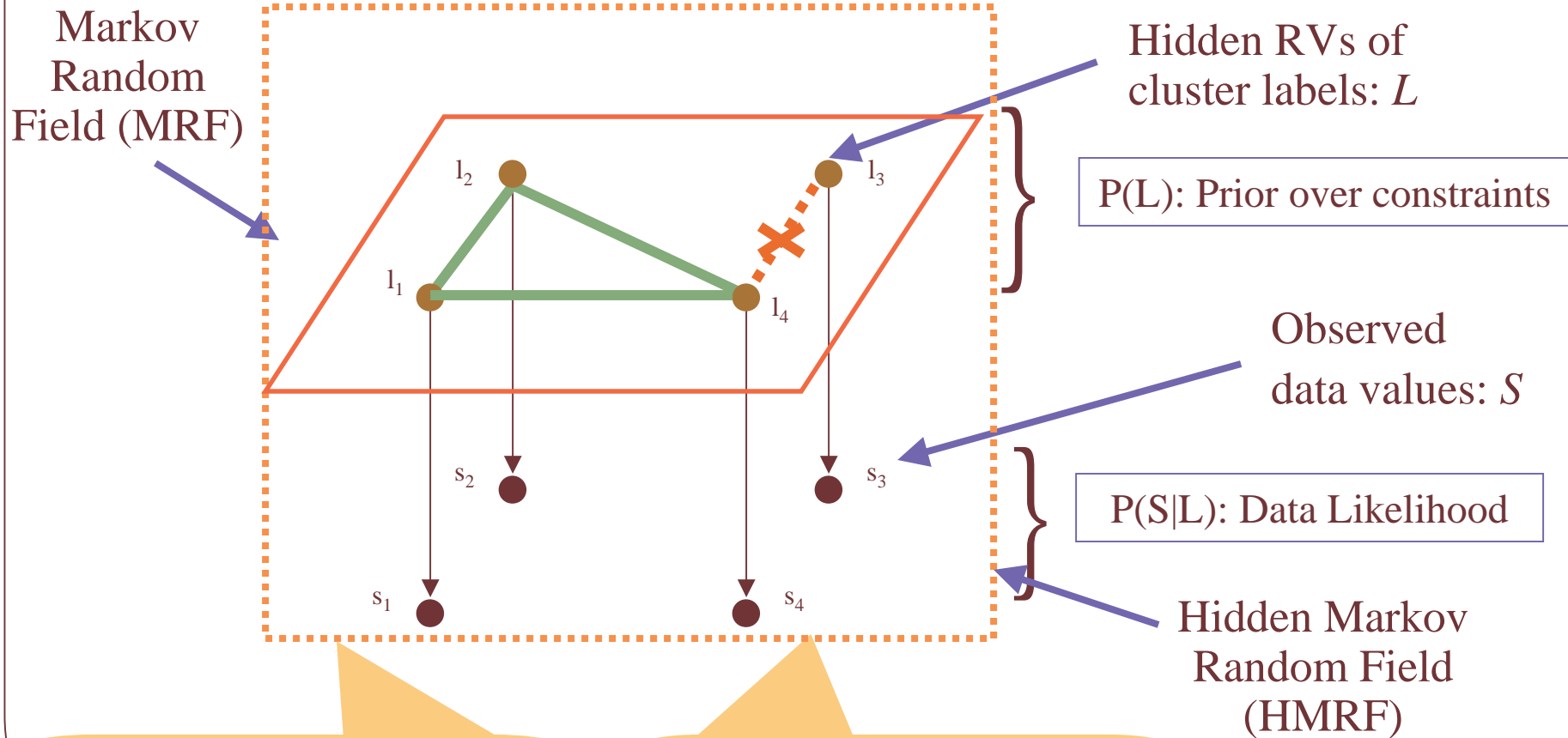
(5-6) Update weights on pairs of points

Final distance function:

$$D(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t h_t(x_i, x_j)$$

# Integrated Approach: HMRF

[Basu et al. '04]



Joint probability  
 $P(L,S) = P(L).P(S|L)$

Goal of constrained clustering: estimation of  $P(L,S)$  on HMRF

# Constrained Clustering on HMRF

$$\Pr(L) \propto \exp\left[-\sum_{i,j} V(s_i, s_j, l_i, l_j)\right]$$

Gibbs potential for constraints

$$\Pr(S | L) \propto \exp\left[-\sum_{s_i} D(s_i, C_{l_i})\right]$$

Cluster distortion

Joint probability



$$\Pr(L, S) = \Pr(S | L) \Pr(L)$$

Overall objective of constrained clustering

$$-\log \Pr(L, S) \propto \left( \sum_{s_i} D(s_i, C_{l_i}) + \sum_{i,j} V(s_i, s_j, l_i, l_j) \right)$$

# MRF potential

- Generalized Potts (Ising) potential:

$$V(s_i, s_j, l_i, l_j) = \begin{cases} w_{ij} D_A(s_i, s_j) & \text{if } l_i \neq l_j, (s_i, s_j) \in ML \\ \overline{w_{ij}} [D_{A, \max} - D_A(s_i, s_j)] & \text{if } l_i = l_j, (s_i, s_j) \in CL \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



# HMRF-KMeans: Objective Function

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{HMRF} = & \sum_{s_i \in S} D_A(s_i, C_{l_i}) + \sum_{\substack{(s_i, s_j) \in ML \\ s.t. l_i \neq l_j}} w_{ij} D_A(s_i, s_j) \\
 & + \sum_{\substack{(s_i, s_j) \in CL \\ s.t. l_i = l_j}} \bar{w}_{ij} (D_{A, \max} - D_A(s_i, s_j))
 \end{aligned}$$

KMeans distortion      ML violation: constraint-based  
 CL violation: constraint-based      Penalty function: distance-based

$-\log P(S|L)$        $-\log P(L)$

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the HMRF-KMeans objective function. The function is shown as a sum of three terms. The first term,  $\sum_{s_i \in S} D_A(s_i, C_{l_i})$ , is labeled 'KMeans distortion' and is linked to the term  $-\log P(S|L)$  by an orange arrow. The second term,  $\sum_{(s_i, s_j) \in ML, s.t. l_i \neq l_j} w_{ij} D_A(s_i, s_j)$ , is labeled 'ML violation: constraint-based' and is linked to  $-\log P(L)$  by an orange arrow. The third term,  $\sum_{(s_i, s_j) \in CL, s.t. l_i = l_j} \bar{w}_{ij} (D_{A, \max} - D_A(s_i, s_j))$ , is labeled 'CL violation: constraint-based' and is also linked to  $-\log P(L)$  by an orange arrow. A green arrow points from the text 'Penalty function: distance-based' to the  $D_A(s_i, s_j)$  terms in both the second and third terms. Blue ovals highlight the  $D_A(s_i, s_j)$  terms in the second and third terms, and a blue arrow points from the text 'Penalty function: distance-based' to these ovals.

# HMRF-KMeans: Algorithm

## Initialization:

- Use neighborhoods derived from constraints to initialize clusters

## Till *convergence*:

### 1. Point assignment:

- Assign each point  $s$  to cluster  $h^*$  to minimize **both distance and constraint violations** (Note: this is greedy, other methods possible)

### 2. Mean re-estimation:

- Estimate cluster centroids  $C$  as means of each cluster
- Re-estimate parameters  $A$  of  $D_A$  to minimize constraint violations

# HMRF-KMeans: Convergence

## Theorem:

HMRF-KMeans converges to a local minima of  $J_{HMRF}$  for for **Bregman divergences**  $D$  (e.g., KL divergence, squared Euclidean distance) or **directional distances** (e.g., Pearson's distance, cosine distance)

# Ablation/Sensitivity Experiment

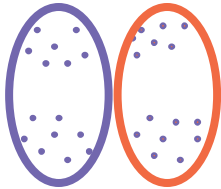
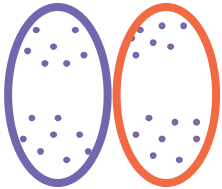
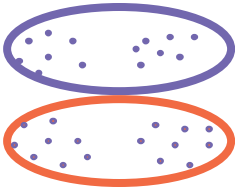
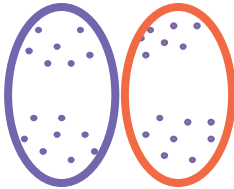
- MPCK-Means: both constraints and distance learning
- MK-Means: only distance learning
- PCK-Means: only constraints
- K-Means: purely unsupervised

# Evaluation Measure

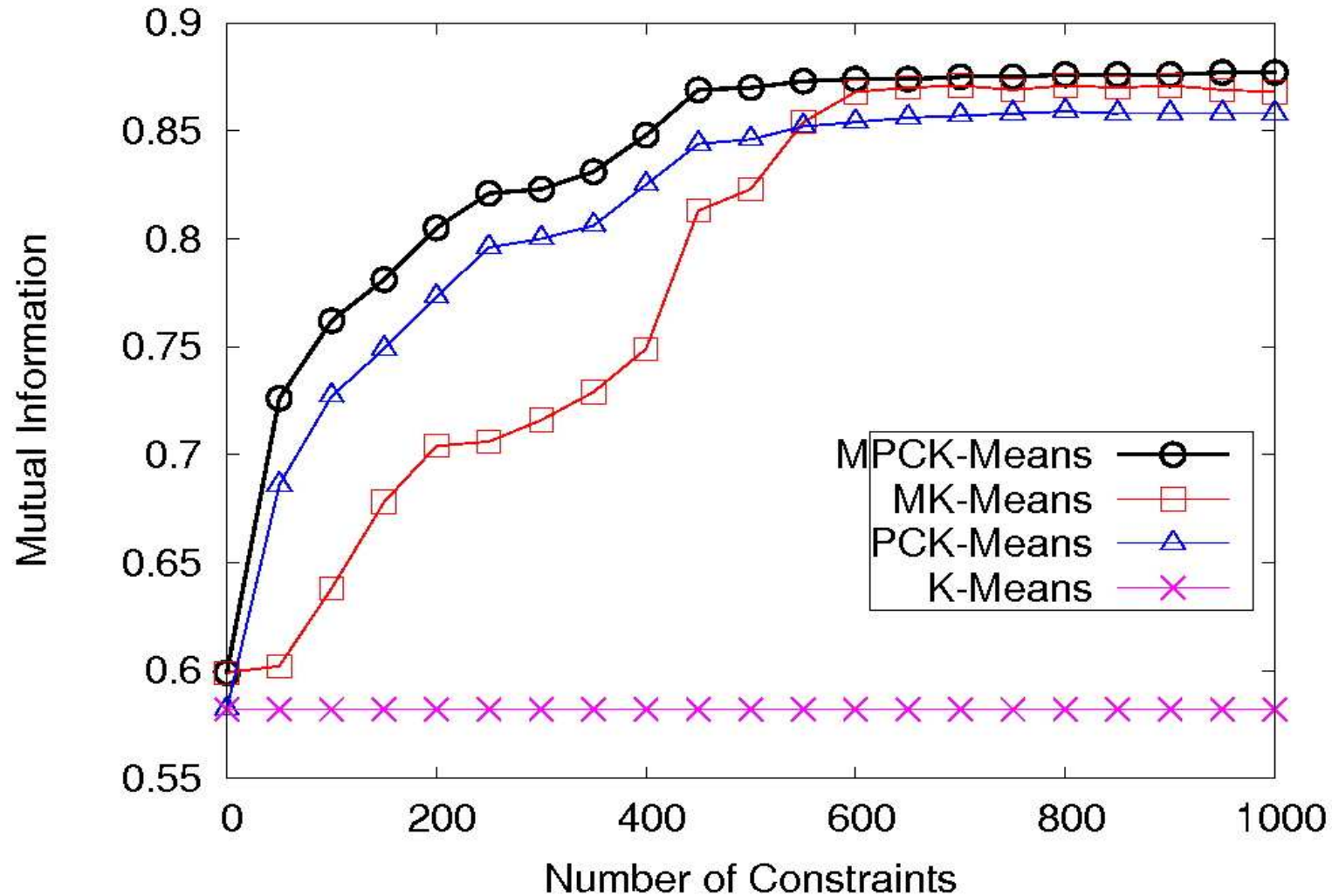
- Compare cluster partitioning to class labels on the dataset
- **Mutual Information measure** calculated only on test set

[Strehl et al. '00]

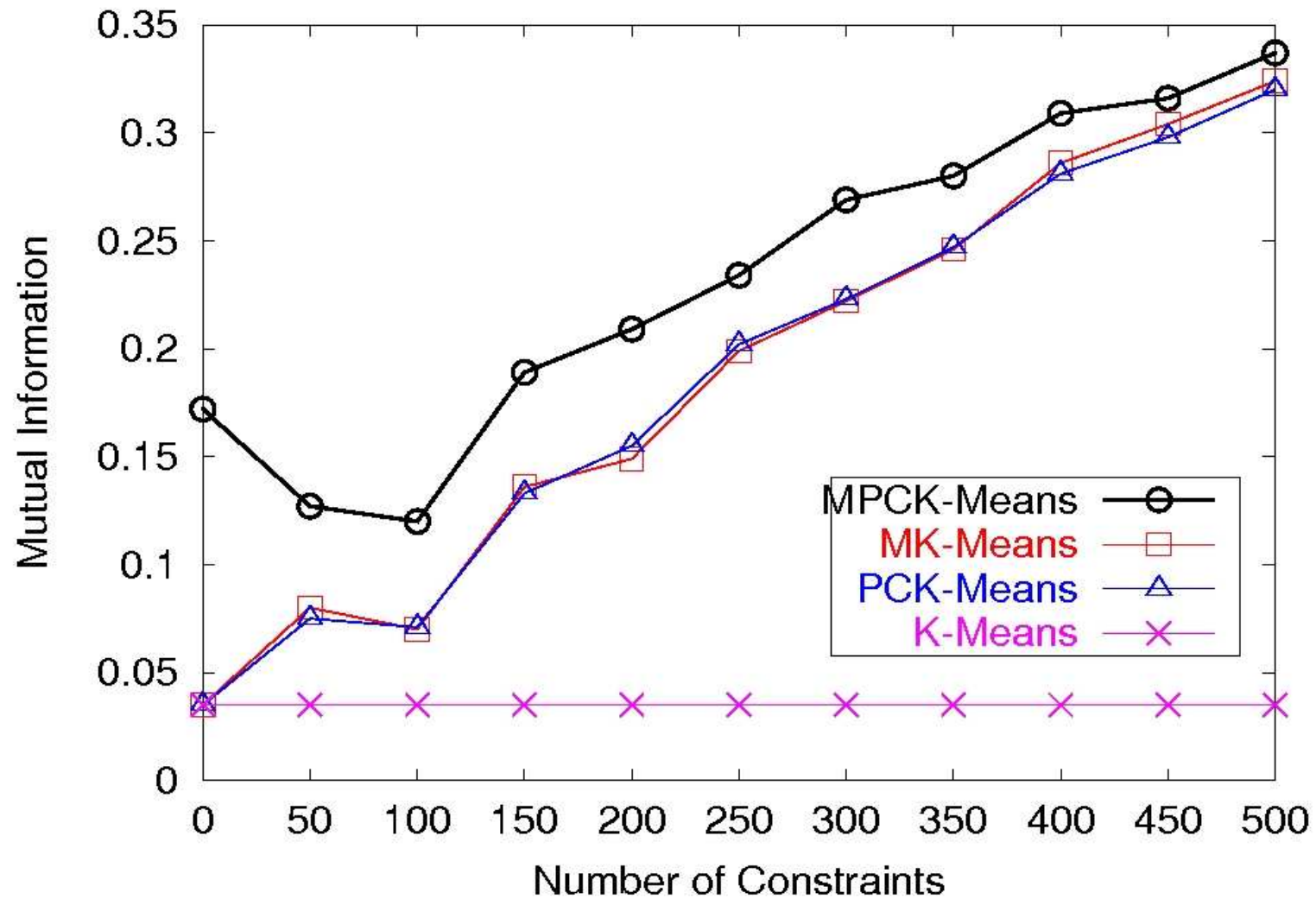
$$MI = \frac{I(C; K)}{[H(C) + H(K)]/2}$$

Cluster partitions	Underlying classes	MI value
		High
		Low

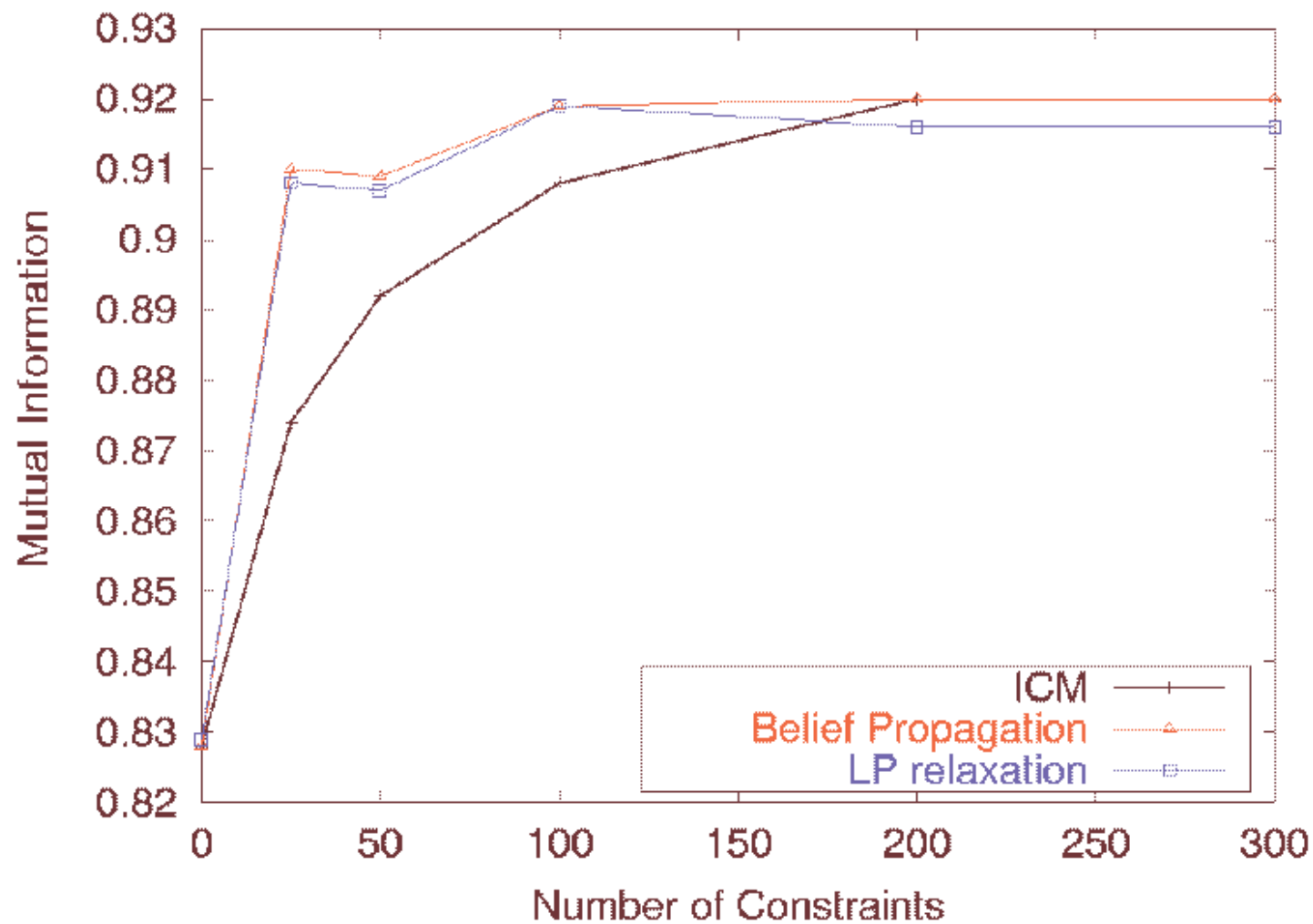
# Experiment Results: PenDigits subset (squared Euclidean distance)



# Experiment Results: 20Newsgroups-subset (*cosine distance*)



# Comparing Inference Techniques for HMRF





# Related Formulations

- Maximum entropy EM

- Incorporates prior knowledge in both labels and constraints
- Modify the likelihood function:

$$\min_{\Theta} (\alpha L(X^u; \Theta) + \beta L(X^l; Y; \Theta) + (1 - \alpha - \beta) L(X^c; C; \Theta))$$

- Infer Gibbs potential from MaxEnt solution of  $P(Y)$  under constraints encoded in  $L$  and  $C$
- Generalizes K-Means formulation to EM
- Replaces ICM for posterior distribution calculation in E-step by:
  - Mean-field approximation [Lange et al. '05]
  - Gibbs sampling [Lu et al. '05]

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# Finding Informative Constraints given a quota of Queries

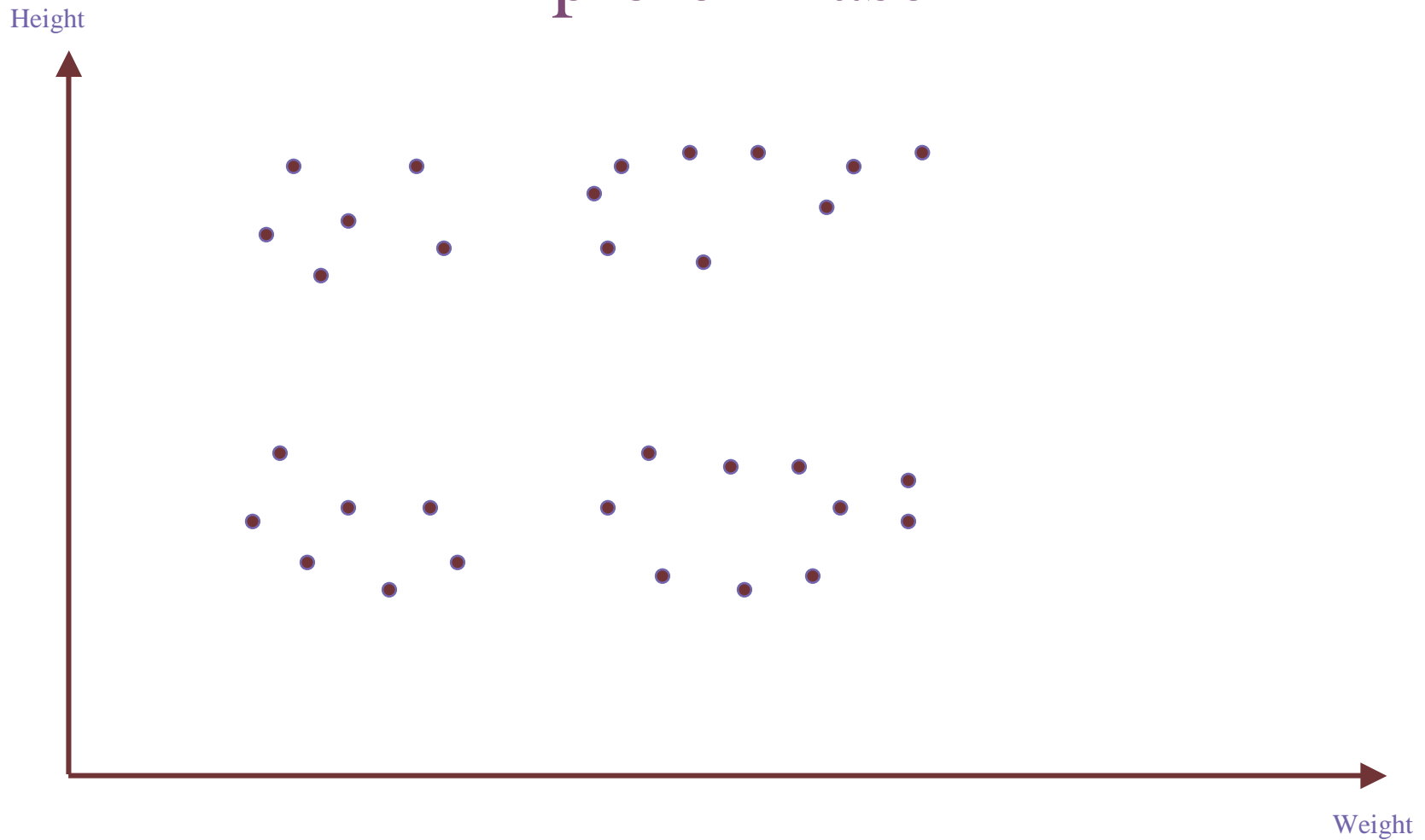
- Active learning for constraint acquisition [Basu et al.'04]:
  - In interactive setting, constraints obtained by queries to a user
  - Need to get **informative** constraints to get better clustering
- Two-phase active learning algorithm:
  - **Explore**: Use *farthest-first* traversal [Hochbaum et al.'85] to explore the data and find  $K$  pairwise-disjoint neighborhoods (cluster skeleton) rapidly
  - **Consolidate**: Consolidate basic cluster skeleton by getting more points from each cluster, within max  $(K-1)$  queries for any point
- Related technique [Cohn et al.'03] :
  - Can incorporate any user feedback to “repair” clustering metric

# Algorithm: Explore

- Pick a point  $s$  at random, add it to neighborhood  $N_1$ ,  $\lambda = 1$
- While queries are allowed and  $(\lambda < k)$ 
  - Pick point  $s$  farthest from existing  $\lambda$  neighborhoods
  - If by querying  $s$  is *cannot-linked* to all existing neighborhoods, then set  $\lambda = \lambda + 1$ , start new neighborhood  $N_\lambda$  with  $s$
  - Else, add  $s$  to neighborhood with which it is *must-linked*

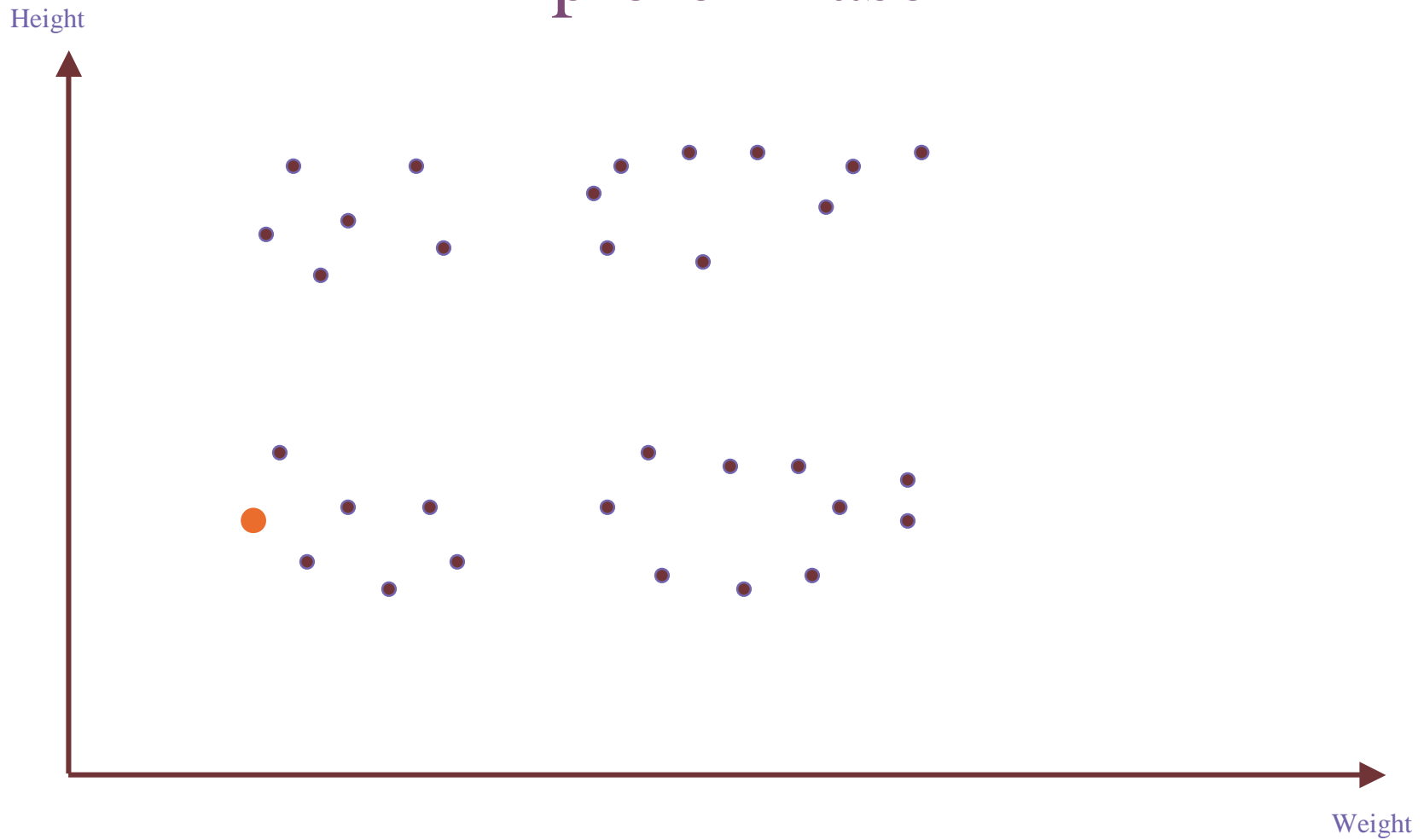
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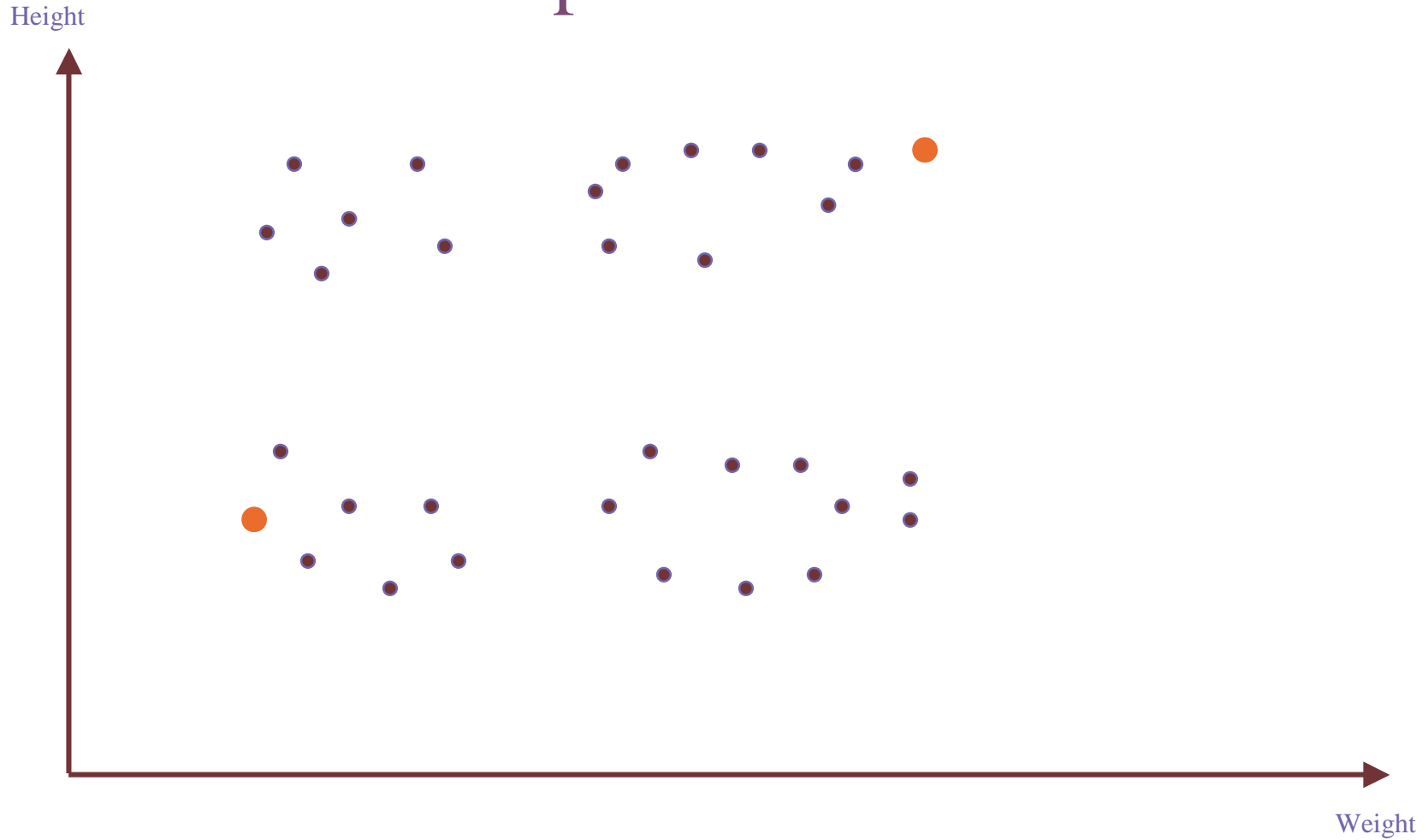
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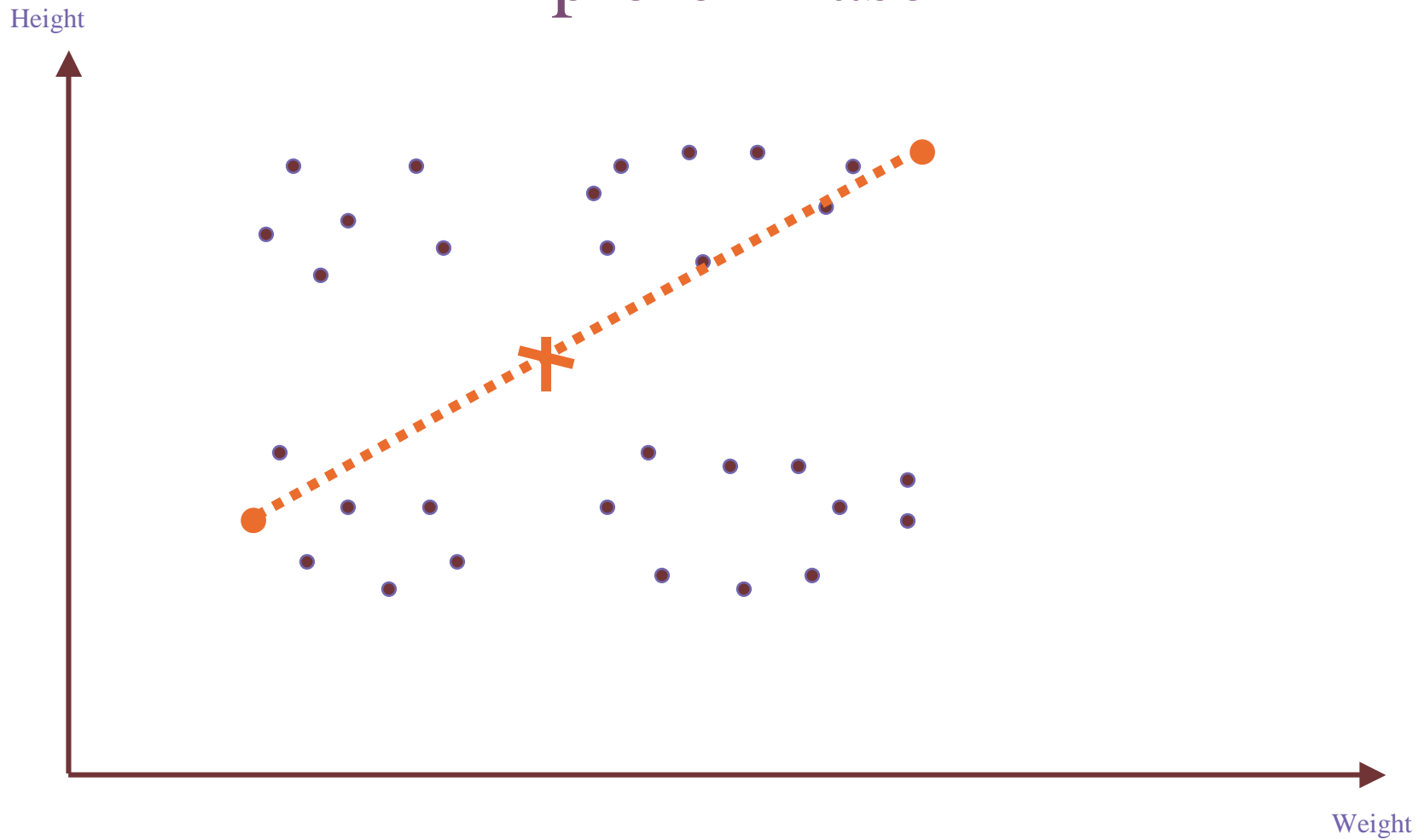
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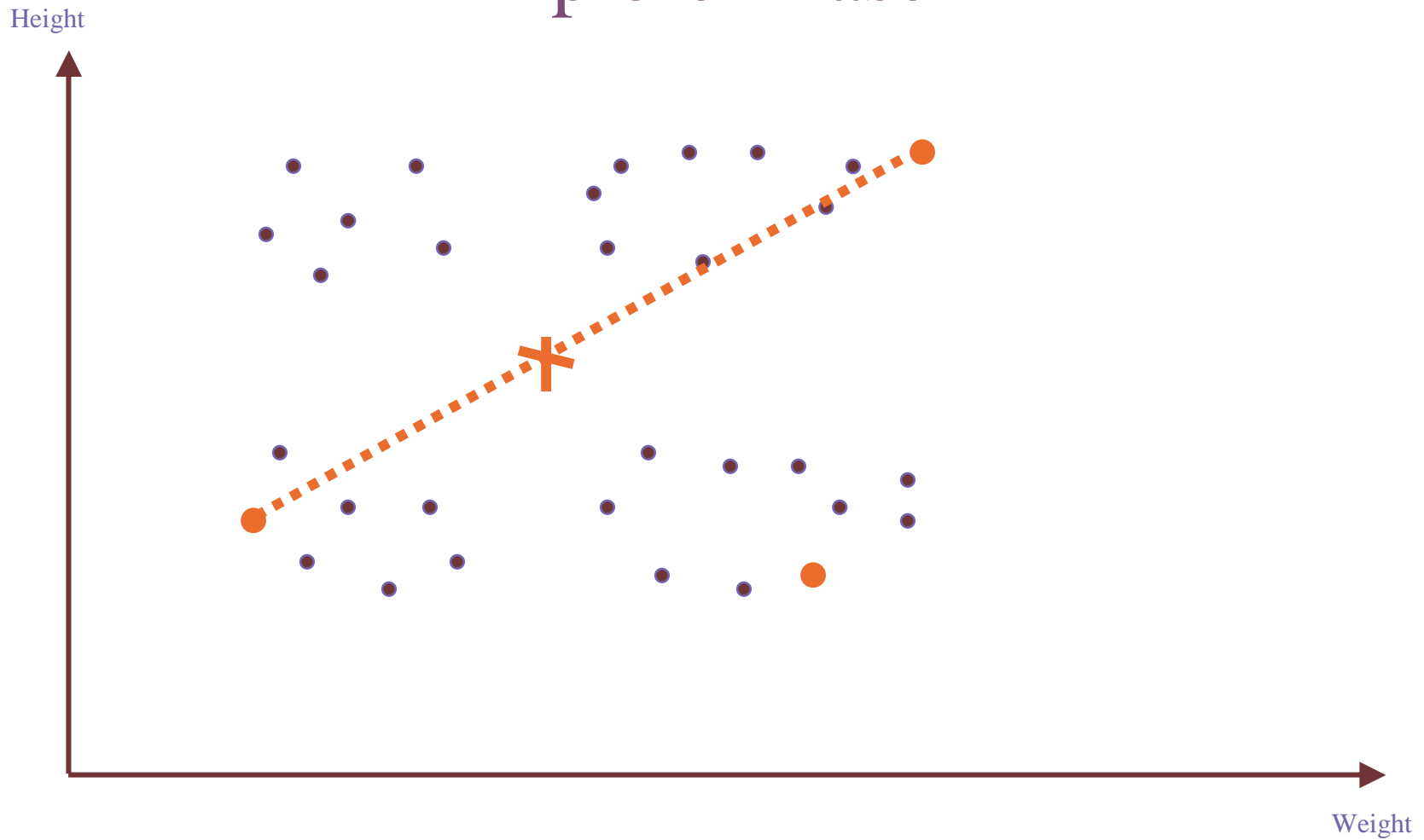
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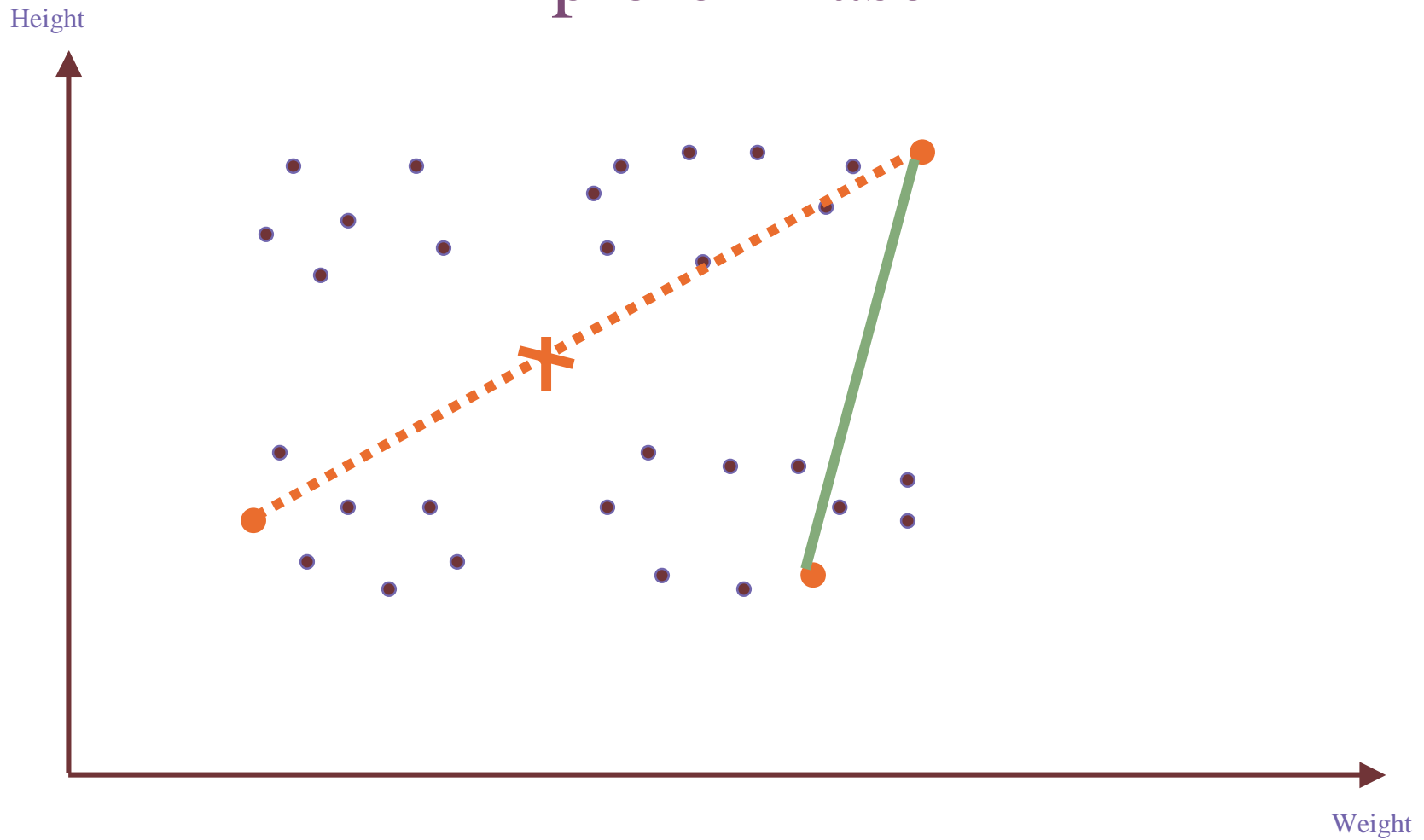
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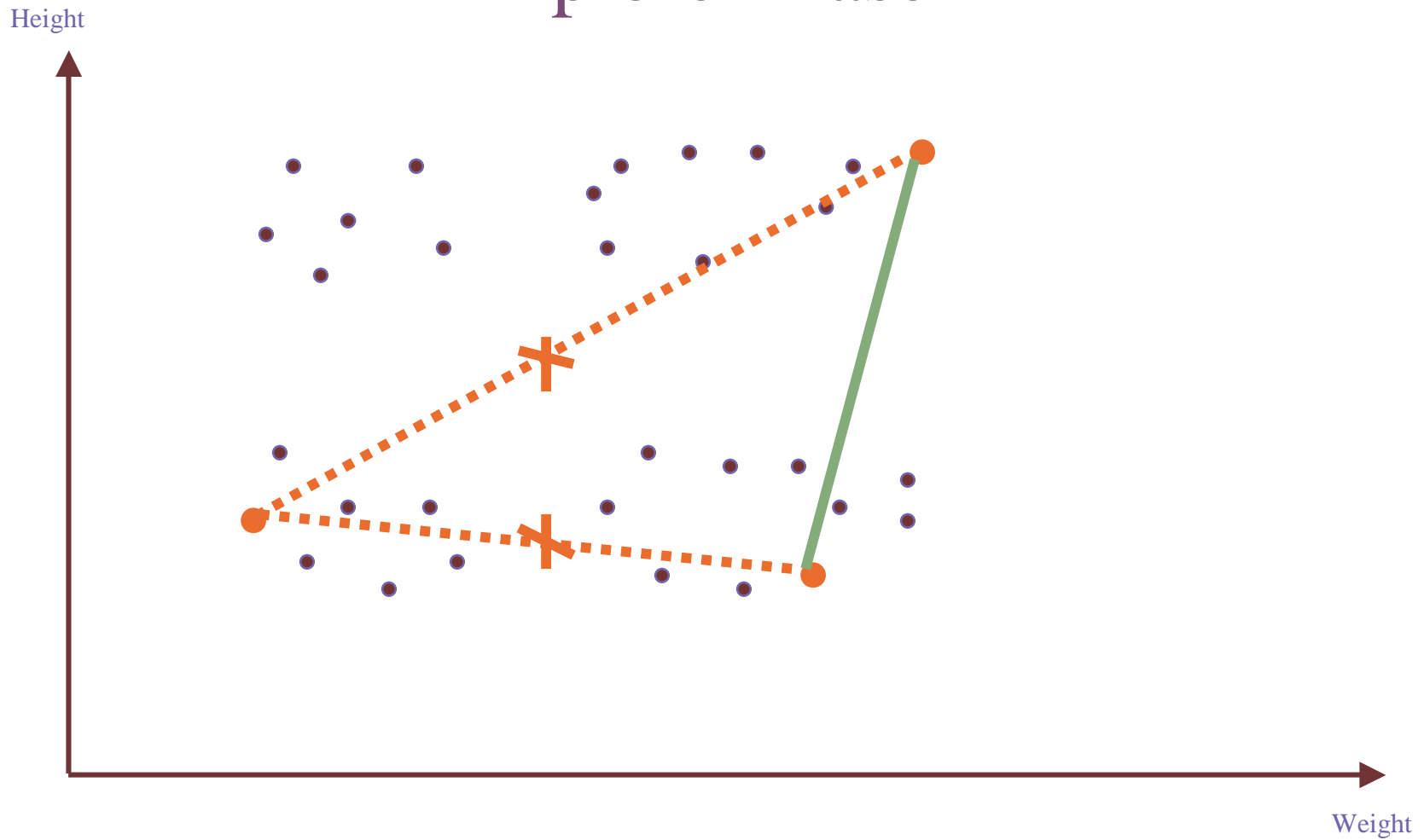
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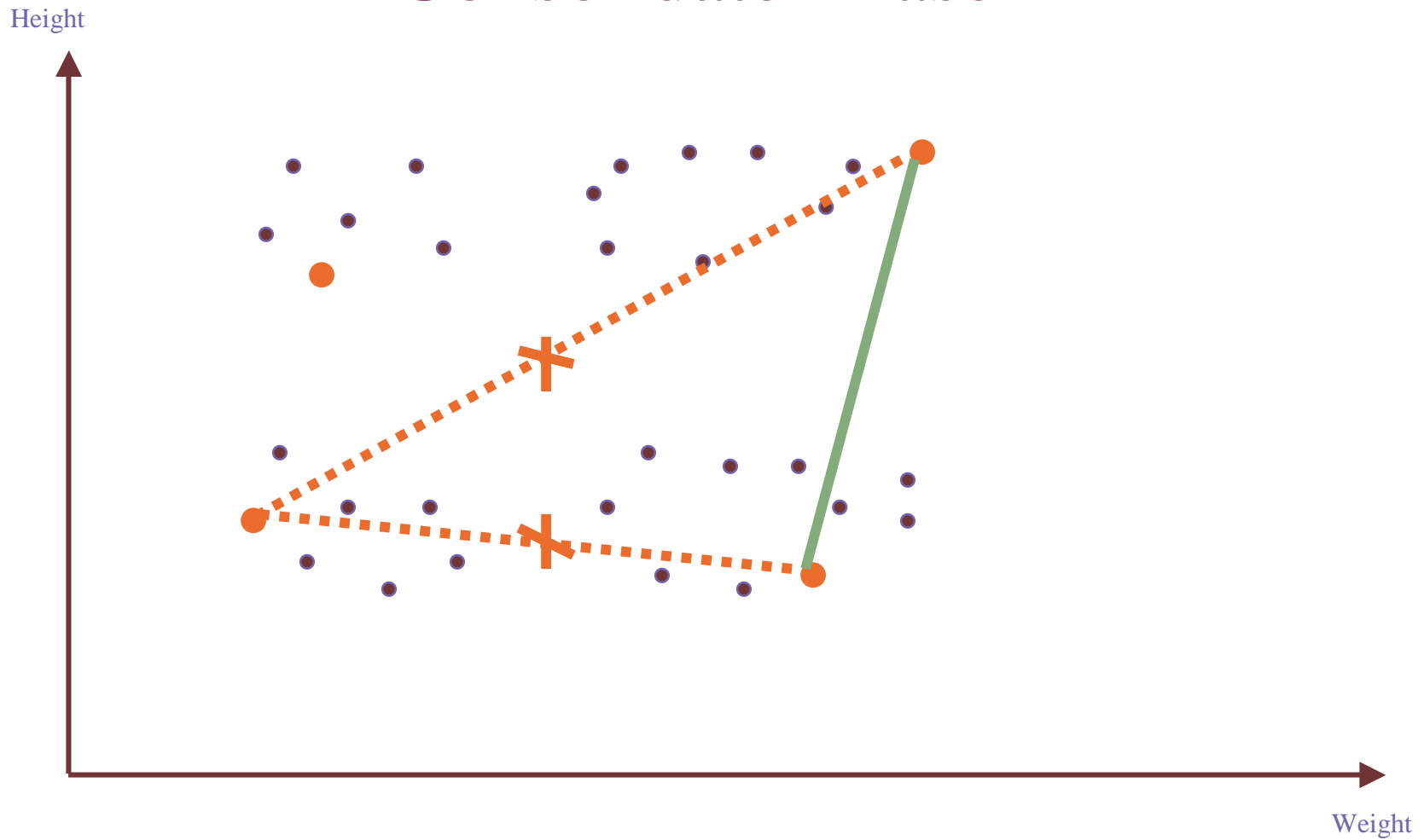
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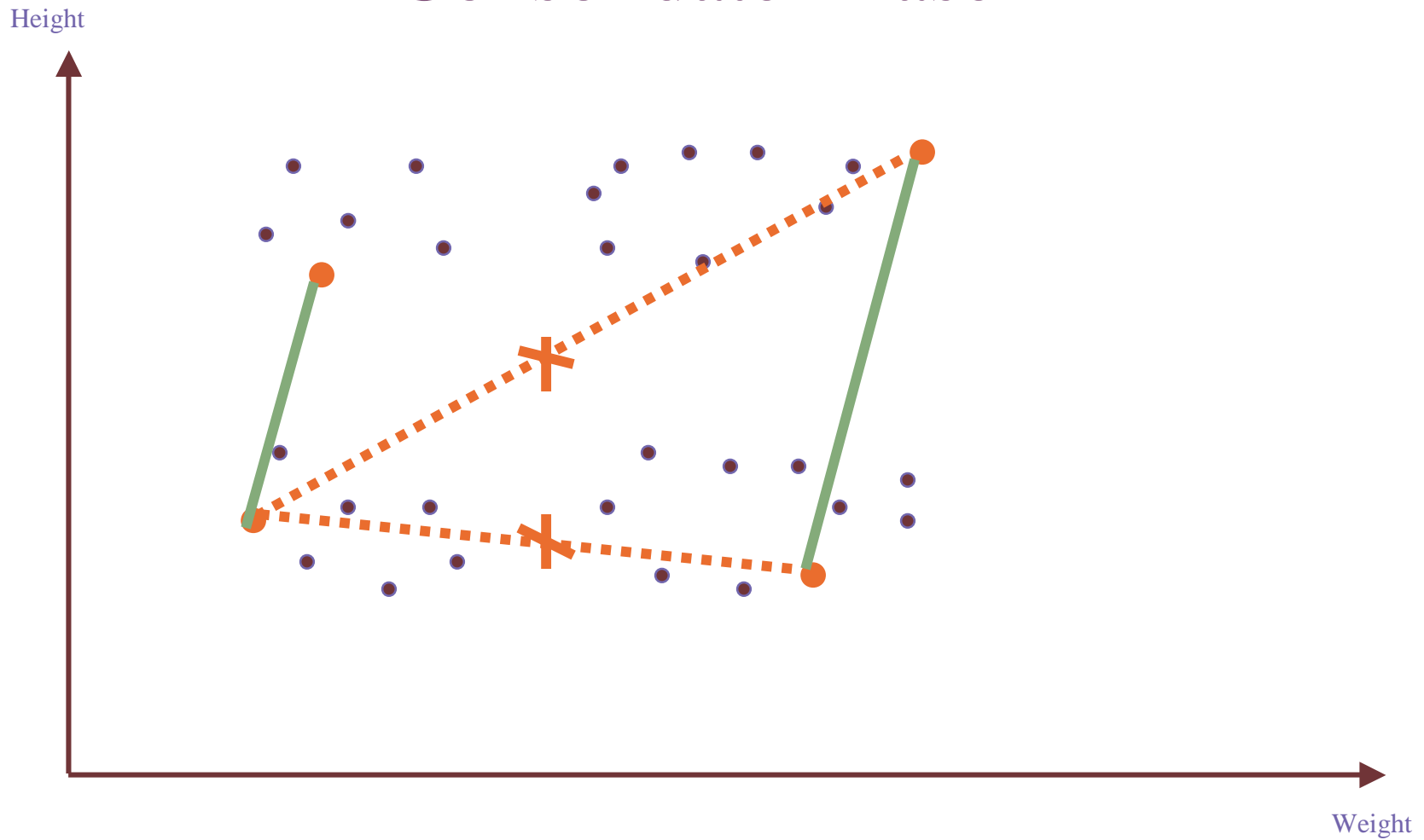
# Algorithm: Consolidate

- Estimate centroids of each of the  $\lambda$  neighborhoods
- While queries are allowed
  - Randomly pick a point  $s$  not in the existing neighborhoods
  - Query  $s$  with each neighborhood (in sorted order of decreasing distance from  $s$  to centroids) until *must-link* is found
  - Add  $s$  to that neighborhood to which it is *must-linked*

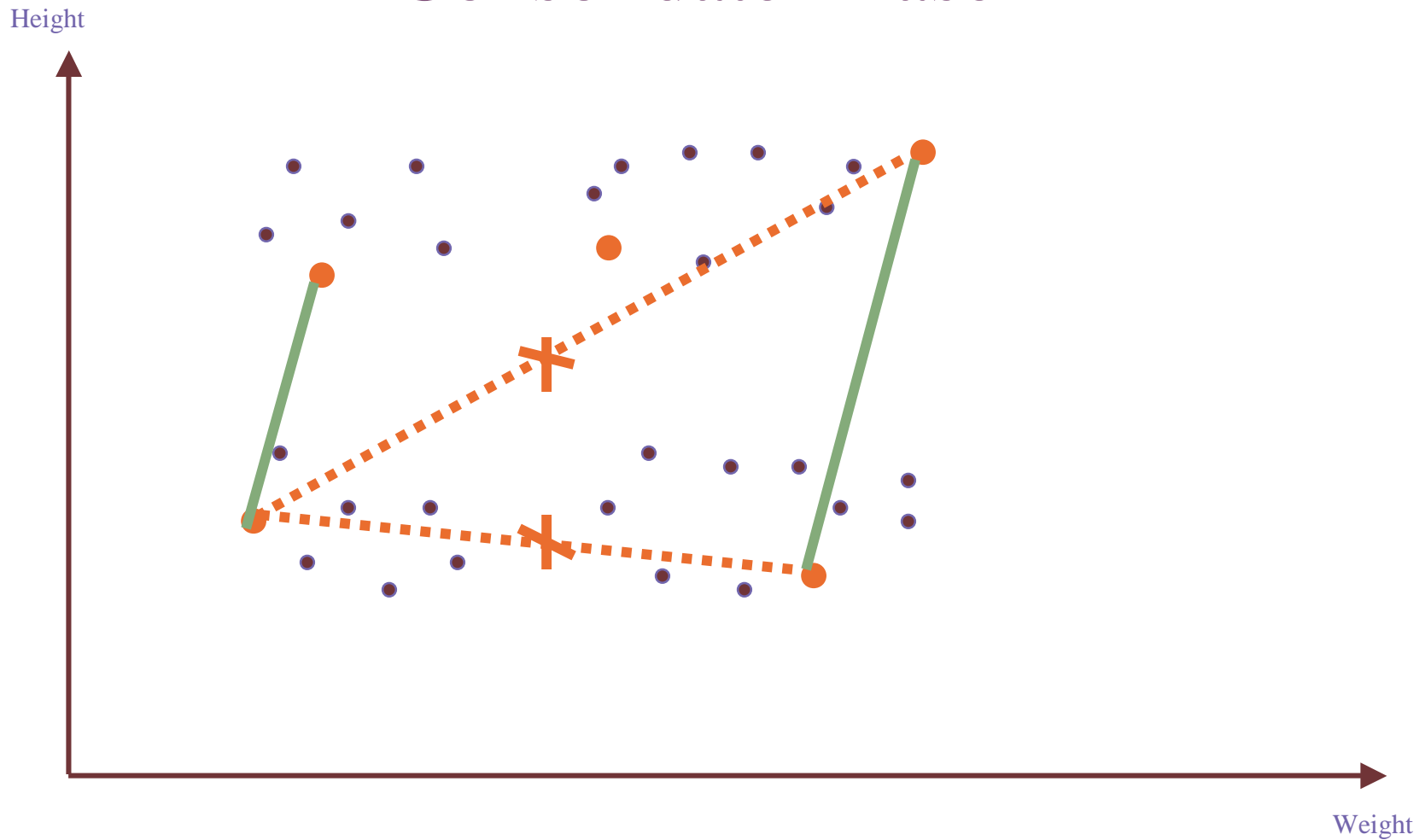
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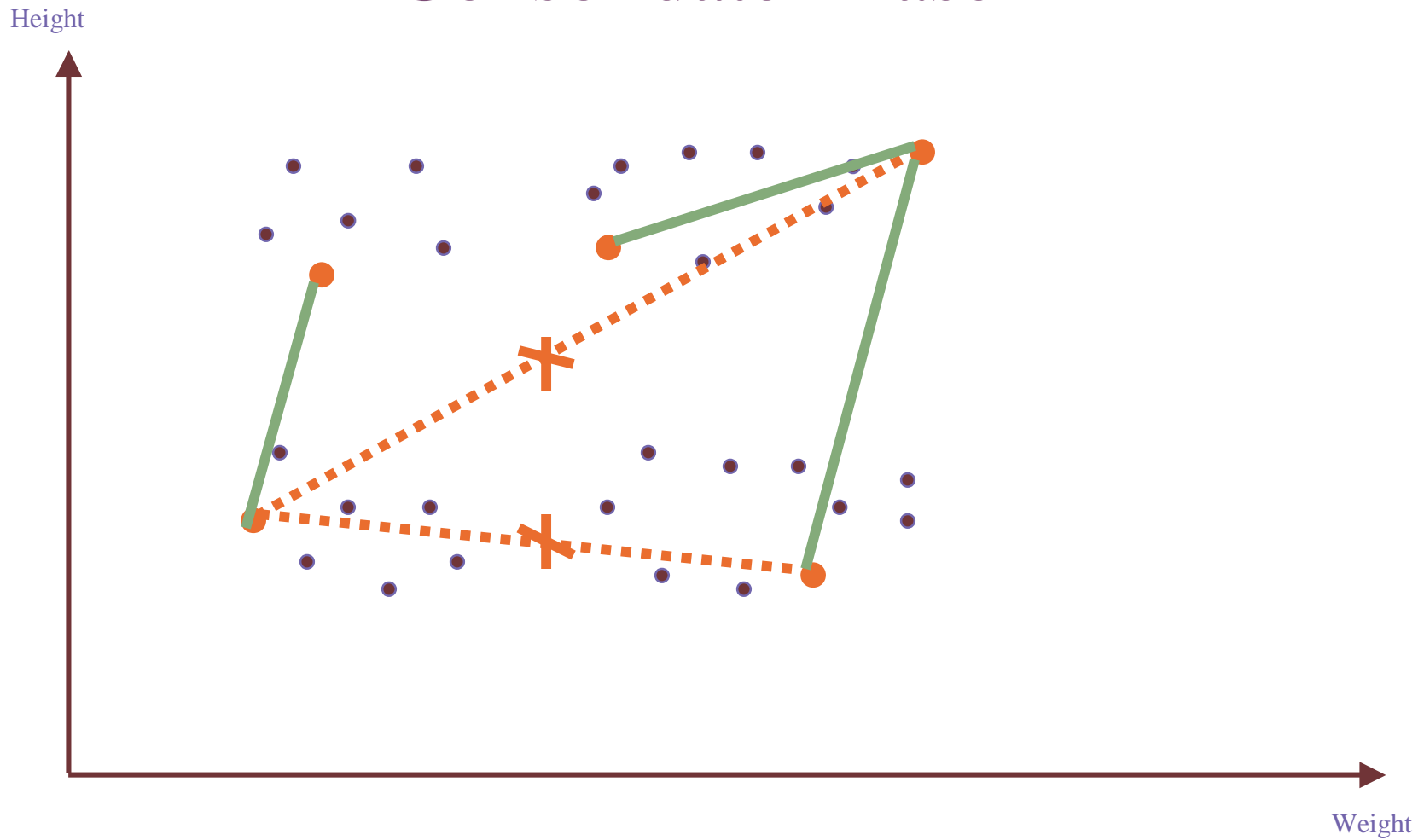
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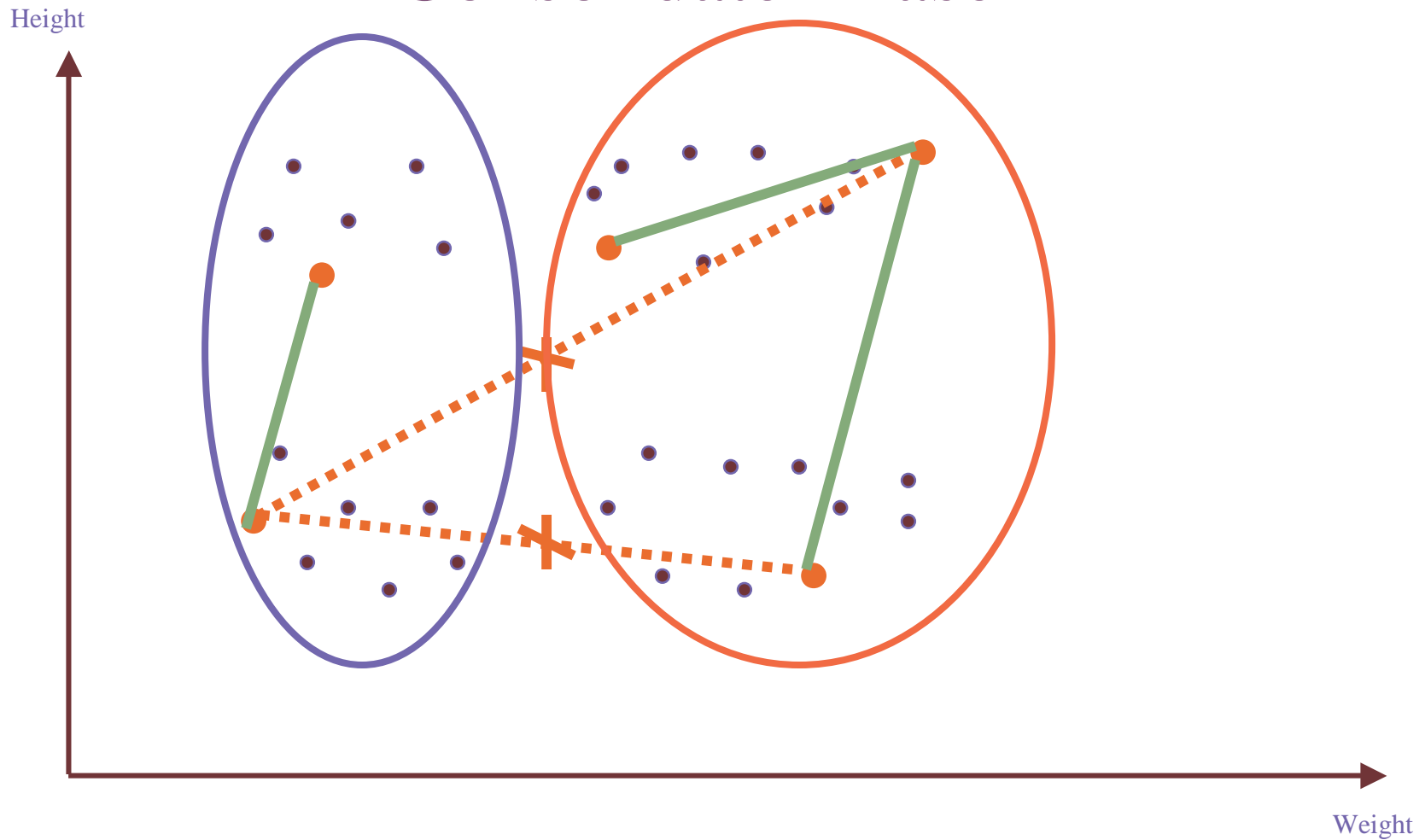
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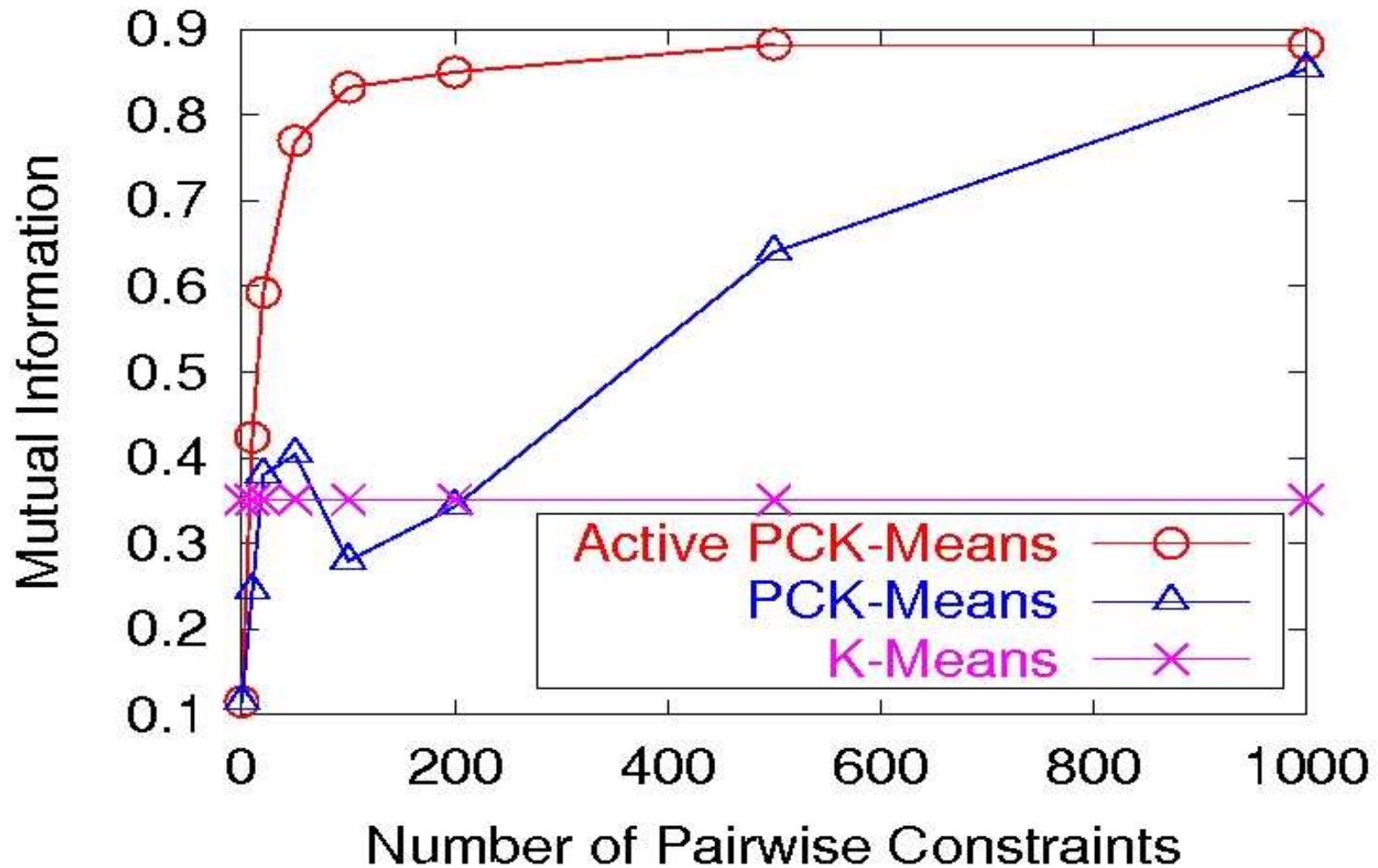


# Active Constraint Acquisition for Clustering

## Consolidate Phase



# Experiments: 20-Newsgroups subset



# Confusion Matrices

No constraints

	Cluster1	Cluster2	Cluster3
Misc	<b>71</b>	12	17
Guns	25	<b>61</b>	14
Mideast	12	36	<b>52</b>

20 queries

	Cluster1	Cluster2	Cluster3
Misc	<b>84</b>	7	9
Guns	5	<b>91</b>	4
Mideast	7	7	<b>86</b>

## Algorithms to Seed K-Means When Feasibility Problem is in P [Davidson et al. '05]

- Each algorithm will find a feasible solution.
- You can build upon each to make them minimize the vector quantization error (or what-ever objective function your algorithm has) as well.

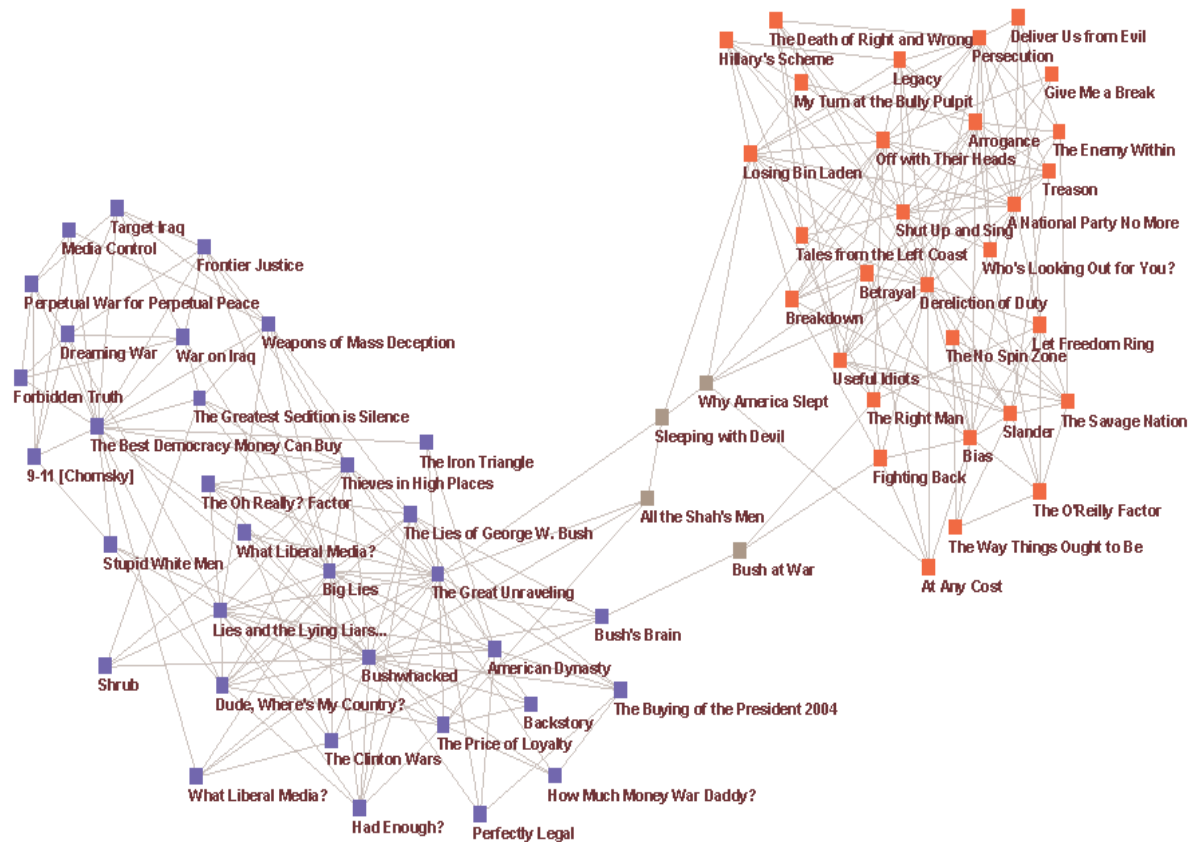
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# Graph-based Clustering

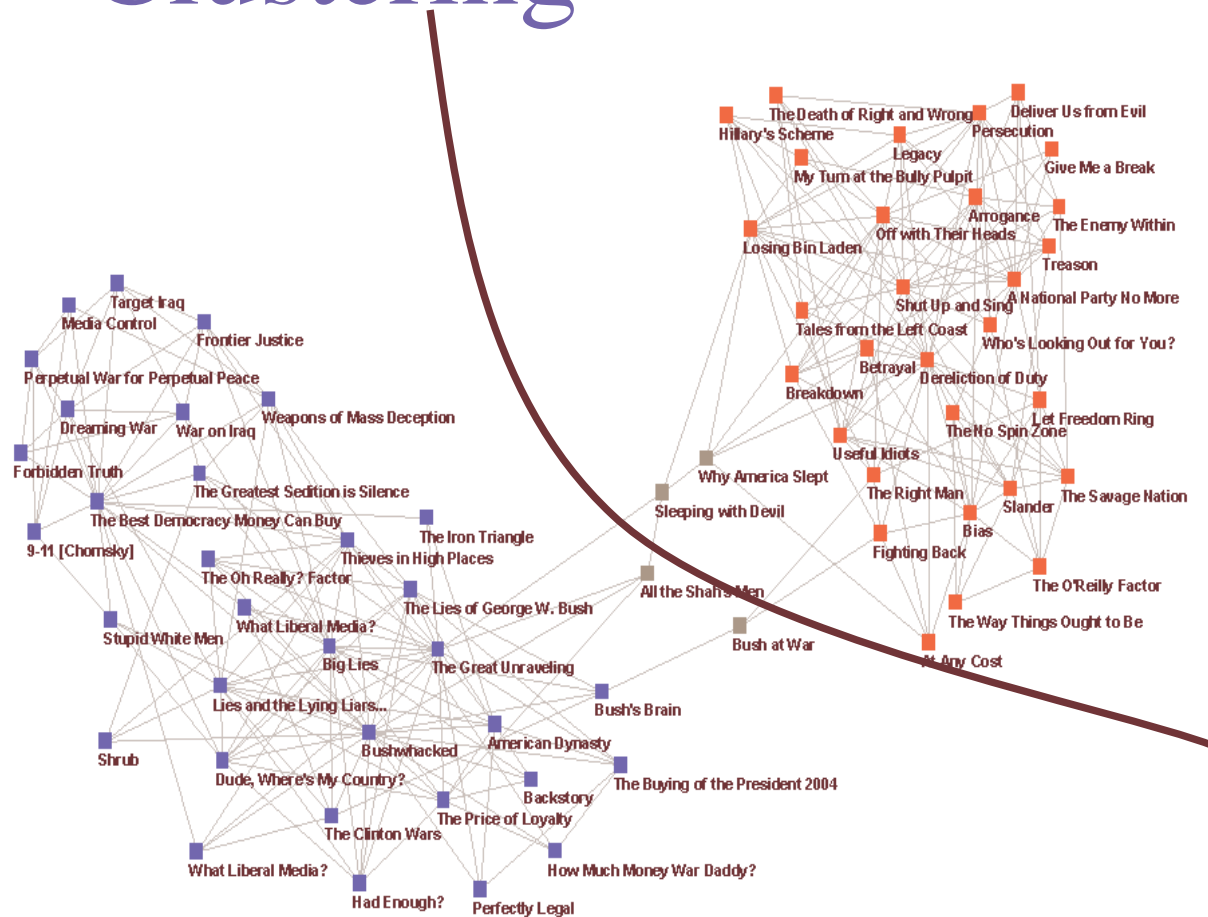
- Data input as graph:

real valued edges  
between pairs of  
points denotes  
similarity



# Constrained Graph-based Clustering

- **Clustering criterion:** minimize normalized cut
- **Possible solution:** Spectral Clustering [Kamvar et al. '03]
- **Constrained graph clustering:** minimize cut in input graph while maximally respecting constraints in auxiliary constraint graph

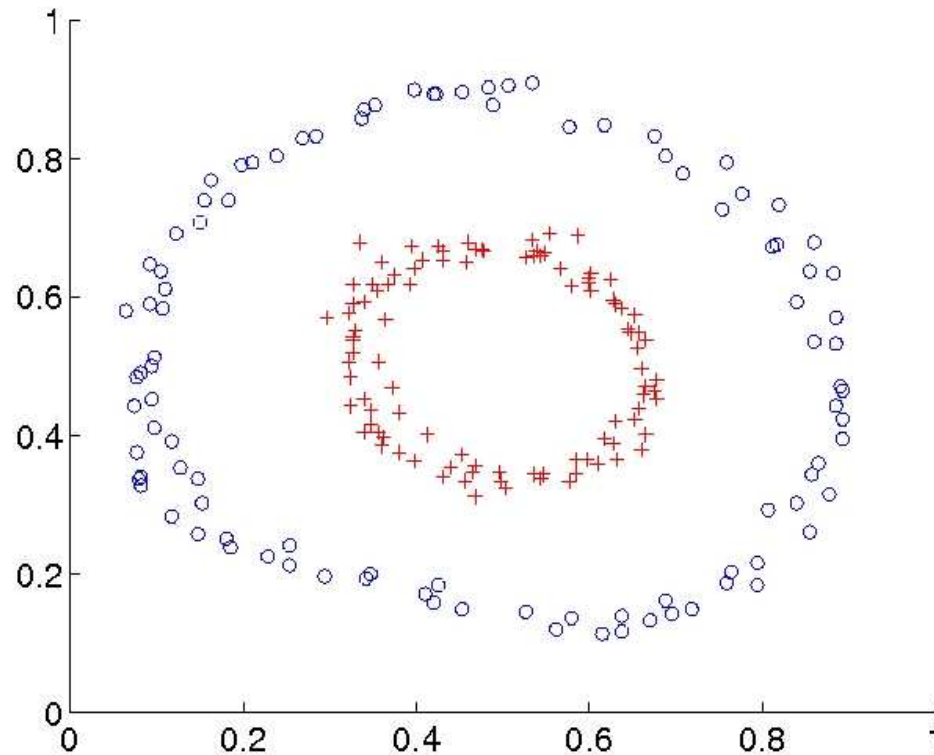


# Kernel-based Clustering

- 2-circles data not linearly separable
- transform to high-D using kernel

*e.g.*,  $\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle = e^{-\|s_1 - s_2\|^2}$

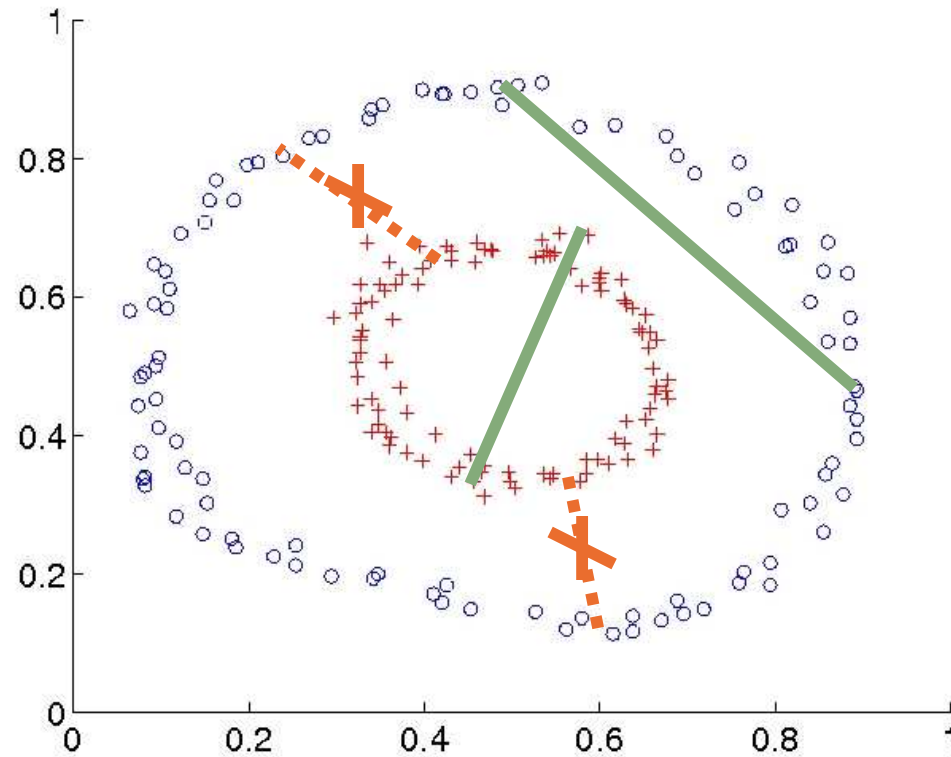
- cluster kernel similarity matrix using **weighted kernel K-Means**





# Constrained Kernel-based Clustering

- Use the data and the specified constraints to create appropriate kernel



# SS-Kernel-KMeans [Kulis et al.'05]

- **Contributions:**
  - Theoretical equivalence between constrained graph clustering and weighted kernel KMeans
  - Uses kernels to unify vector-/graph- based constrained clustering
- **Algorithm:**
  - Forms a kernel matrix from data and constraints
  - Runs weighted kernel KMeans
- **Benefits:**
  - HMRF-KMeans and Spectral Clustering are special cases
  - Fast algorithm for constrained graph-based clustering (no spectral decomposition necessary)
  - Kernels allow constrained clustering with non-linear cluster boundaries

# Kernel for HMRF-KMeans with squared Euclidean distance

$$J_{HMRF} = \sum_{c=1}^k \sum_{s_i \in S_c} \|s_i - C_c\|^2 - \sum_{\substack{(s_i, s_j) \in ML \\ s.t. l_i = l_j}} \frac{w_{ij}}{|S_{l_i}|} + \sum_{\substack{(s_i, s_j) \in CL \\ s.t. l_i = l_j}} \frac{w_{ij}}{|S_{l_i}|}$$

$$K = S + W,$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} S_{ij} = s_i \cdot s_j, \\ + w_{ij} \text{ if } (s_i, s_j) \in ML \\ - w_{ij} \text{ if } (s_i, s_j) \in CL \end{cases}$$

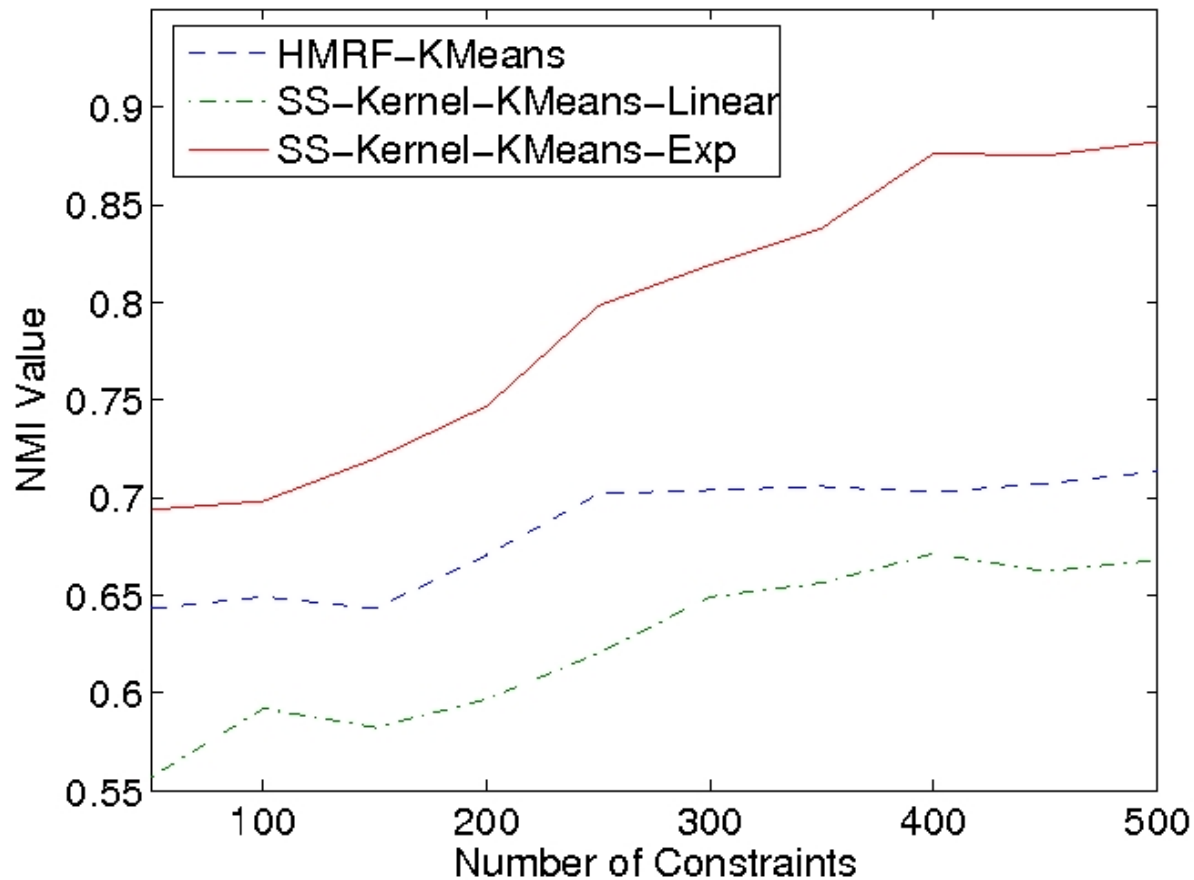
# Kernel for Constrained Normalized-Cut Objective

$$J_{NormCut} = \sum_{c=1}^k \frac{\text{links}(V_c, V \setminus V_c)}{\text{deg}(V_c)} - \sum_{\substack{(s_i, s_j) \in ML \\ s.t. l_i = l_j}} \frac{w_{ij}}{\text{deg}(V_{l_i})} + \sum_{\substack{(s_i, s_j) \in CL \\ s.t. l_i = l_j}} \frac{w_{ij}}{\text{deg}(V_{l_i})}$$

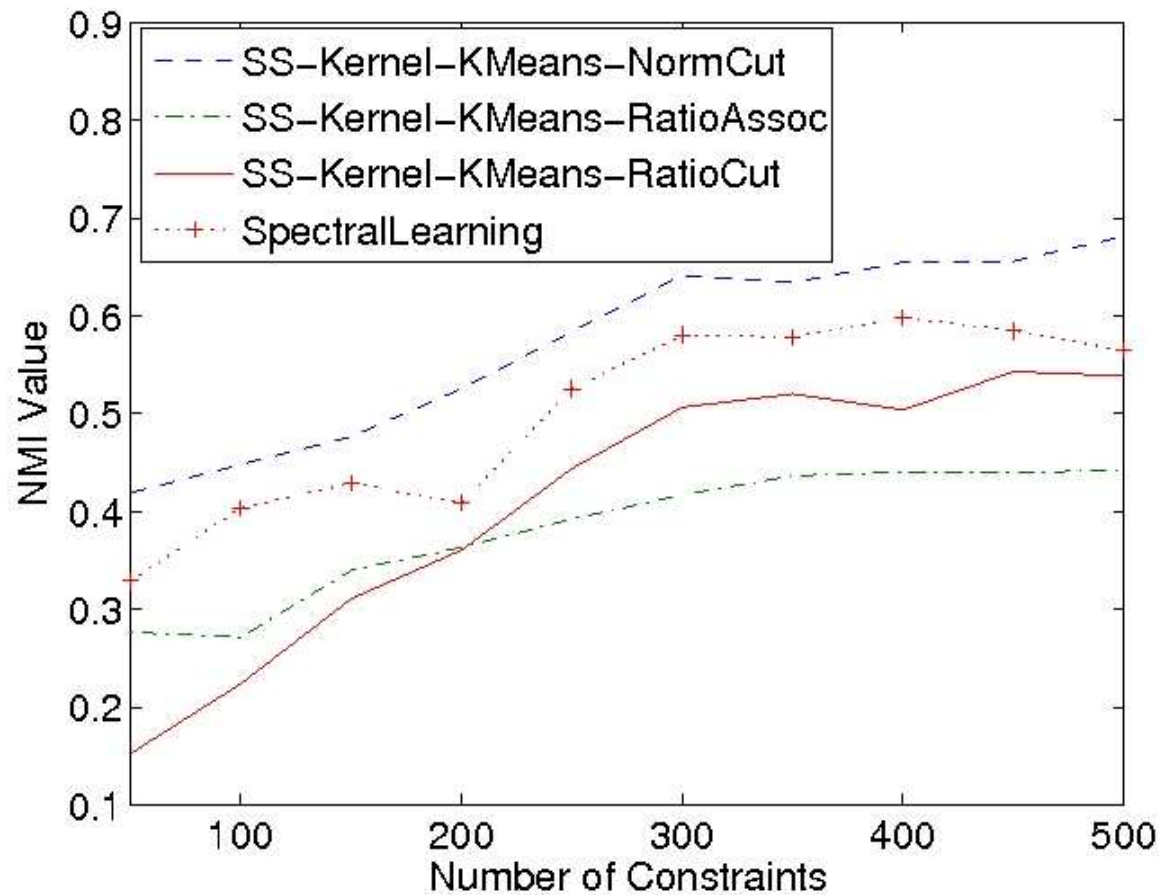
$$K = D^{-1}AD + D^{-1}WD,$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} A_{ij} = \text{graph affinity } (i, j), \\ D = \text{diagonal degree matrix} \\ W_{ij} = \begin{cases} + w_{ij} & \text{if } (s_i, s_j) \in ML \\ - w_{ij} & \text{if } (s_i, s_j) \in CL \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

# Experiment: PenDigits subset



# Experiment: Yeast Gene network



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